



## LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2009

Thanks to ABC members we were able to accomplish many meaningful and significant things in Tallahassee which will directly benefit the industry, your business and working families.

- We successfully prevented a scheduled 18.6% increase over two years in your workers compensation premiums...positively impacting your bottom line.
- We were able to fix a glitch in state law that prevented the Florida Department of Management Services from awarding "continuing contracts" for repair and maintenance on state owned buildings...saving DMS contractors administrative and bid costs.
- We were able to improve the state law which requires government to bid out work to the private sector...enhancing your work opportunities.
- We were able to maintain state funding for apprenticeship training...helping provide you with a qualified and skilled workforce.
- We were able to reinstate funding authority for the School Districts who wish to maintain necessary capital improvements and repairs...keeping school construction work strong.
- We were able to change the "notice and right-to-cure" law so that it becomes a legal right and protection for EVERY contract unless specifically excluded...increasing your legal protection and avoiding frivolous lawsuits.
- We strengthened the law to punish thieves of raw material from construction sites who attempt to sell the material to metal recyclers...helping control site theft and material costs.
- We passed a law to extend all building permits for two years...helping avoid unnecessary bureaucracy during this economic slow-down.
- We passed a law to increase the burden of proof on local government before they can enact impact fees which are passed on to consumers...helping ensure good government not just big government.
- We were able to prevent a very bad and onerous immigration bill from becoming law which would have put your license at risk even if you followed all federal immigration laws.
- We were able to prevent a mandatory arbitration bill from being passed...maintaining your contract options and autonomy.
- We were able to stop a plan to eliminate the minimum square foot requirements before local journeyman ratios could be required on a project...limiting unnecessary regulation of your business.
- We were able to prevent the imposition of sales tax on currently exempt construction services.

As you can see a LOT was accomplished, none of which would be possible without our members. Through your membership you not only are the largest commercial contractor association in Florida (which is important to elected officials), but you have contributed more to political campaigns than any other contractor organization. You have allowed us to register more lobbyists and put more people on the job in Tallahassee and local government than any other organization. For more information on any of these specific bills, please read the [ABC of Florida Legislative Report](#).