

Government Affairs Coordinating Committee 2010 Goals

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2010: The Year Ahead

- **Midterm Elections in November:** 435 House Seats, 36 Senate Seats, 37 Gubernatorial Races
- **Congressional Legislative Agenda:** Healthcare, Jobs Bills, EFCA, Cap and Trade, Estate Tax



Free Enterprise Alliance

- Grow the Free Enterprise Alliance by increasing member participation (financial support); participation should increase by at least 25% over the election year (FEA raised \$1,673,965 from ABC members in 2008).
- Increase the number of chapters participating in the “dues check-off” program to at least 50 chapters.
- Position the Free Enterprise Alliance to be the leading advocate on issues facing the merit shop construction industry through direct communications to ABC members, elected officials and the public.



ABC Political Action Committee (PAC)

- Expand the eligible universe of potential ABC PAC donors by increasing the number prior authorization forms from ABC member companies.
- Improve ABC National board member and local chapter board member participation in ABC PAC.
- Develop a new cost effective way to augment low-dollar contributions (under \$100) to ABC PAC.



Construction Legal Rights Foundation (CLRf)

- CLRf database populated and functioning.
- Increase the number of cases in the new Law Library to 100 (right now there are 32).
- Respond in a timely manner to all requests for funding.



Legislative Committee

- Approve and implement new ABC policy papers.
- Better inform appropriate ABC members and chapters, where necessary, on current legislation affecting our industry.
- Generate and introduce more pro-business legislation that will have a positive impact on the construction industry.



Grassroots Committee

- Develop and implement a sustainable plan to continually increase the number of ABC member firm employees that sign up for, receive and respond to "Action Alerts" on a regular basis. This plan shall have measurable goals, measured and recorded on a yearly basis.
- Grassroots will increase "Take Action" responses on action alerts by 10% in 2010.
- The Grassroots Committee and ABC National Government Affairs will “roll out” the Grassroots Chapter Recognition program.



Tax Advisory Group

- Have TAG Legislation introduced in the 111th Congress.
- Develop a coalition of Senators and Representatives who will support and promote construction-friendly tax legislation, and defend construction companies against 11th hour “politics” such as the recent contractor exclusion from the 50 employee mandatory health insurance provision.
- Promote “top-of-mind” awareness of tax issues affecting construction-related taxpayers through education and advocacy.



Government Affairs Coordinating Committee (GACC)

- ABC will play a key role in significantly increasing the percentage (by 10%) of pro free enterprise elected officials in the US House of Representatives and Senate.
- ABC will distinguish itself as a lead organization in the fight against anti-free enterprise legislation, particularly federal PLAs and EFCA. Specifically, ABC will prevent the passage of Employee Free Choice Act and will significantly limit the impact of E.O. 13502.
- ABC will increase participation by members and their employees in the political process by increasing the number of participants in ABC Action Alerts by 10%.

