



Alberta Construction Association

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Dear Minister Panda:

Congratulations on your recent election victory and appointment to Cabinet. Thank you for your Government's commitment to getting Albertans back to work.

Alberta's construction industry employs 240,000 Albertans directly in the field, one in ten working Albertans. The industry employs thousands of additional Albertans in human resources, finance, IT, and so on. Thousands more are employed in manufacturing concrete, wood, steel and other products used in construction, and in related professions such as architecture and engineering.

The Alberta Construction Association represents 3000 member firms belonging to one of eight regional construction associations across Alberta. Beyond ACA's membership, we have strong partnerships with nine associations representing hundreds of additional firms with a specific labour affiliation or a specific trade focus.

Our members appreciate the UCP plan to get Albertans back to work includes the commitment to build public infrastructure to support services like health care and education. We appreciate the commitments to maintain the existing Capital Plan for 2019/20 through 2022/23, develop a 20 year Capital Plan and improve transparency.

ACA and our partner associations offer expert professionals that volunteer from the member firms to serve the industry. We would be pleased to utilize such volunteers to assist the Government in meeting these commitments. We would welcome the opportunity to explore contract language and project supports to ensure that if social procurement mandates become prevalent, our small to medium size contractors can successfully participate in such projects, and that targeted employment groups gain enough skills to be meaningfully attached to the labour market.

ACA's Executive Director Ken Gibson (ken.gibson@albertaconstruction.net) can assist with coordinating follow-up.

Sincerely,

Ian Reid, Chair

cc. Regional Construction Associations, Associates

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