

Alberta Construction Association wishes to inform our members on provincial party platforms that relate to ACA priorities. ACA's overarching policy priority is a policy environment which supports Alberta's construction workers.

ACA sees this supportive policy environment through three broad approaches:

1. Sustained good paying work for our industry.
2. Skills development and supports for our workers, and
3. A healthy and affordable environment for our workers to raise their families.

ACA recommendations within each of these three themes includes:

1. Sustained good paying jobs for our industry

- Adequate, sustained, and predictable investment in public infrastructure at both the provincial and municipal levels
- Extension of prompt pay rules to Public Works projects.
- Fair and transparent procurement processes and contracts that allocate project risks to the contracting party best able to manage that risk.
- A policy environment that reduces red tape and encourages private sector investment.
- Smart regulation that recognizes the unique project based, seasonal and often remote nature of construction work.

2. Skills development and supports for our workers

- Apprenticeship and education systems that support development of skilled trades professionals and related occupations.
- Apprenticeship and immigration policies that add skills to help train and maximize development of Albertans.
- Industry / government program partnerships that encourage newcomer worker readiness, work integrated learning, training and development, including support for the Construction New Talent and Trade Pathways programs.

3. A healthy and affordable environment for our workers to raise their families

- Continuing investment in schools, health care facilities and other infrastructure to improve the lives of Albertans.
- Financial incentives for a major building energy retrofit program to significantly reduce green house gas emissions from Alberta's built environment.
- Investments and policies that keep housing and other costs affordable for our workers.

Alberta Construction Association represents 2500 member firms servicing non residential and civil construction markets across Alberta and beyond. Alberta's construction industry employs 1 in 10 working Albertans in the field and thousands of Albertans in related occupations.