



ABC Legislative Victories – A Look Back

2023 Session

- Changes to Florida's Statute of Repose – (SB 360)
 - Decrease in time from 10 to 7 years
 - Decrease in triggers – now the earliest of the following starts the clock
 - Abandonment
 - Issuance of a TCO, CO, or Certificate of Completion
- SB 346 – Public Construction Bill – fixes prompt pay, increases competitive market on public construction
- Apprenticeship generally – the Pathway to Career Opportunity Grant may now be used for sustaining existing programs. Previous guidelines limited awards to new programs of expanding of existing.
- Blocked – statutory expansion of permissible use for Building Department surplus.
- Blocked – requirement for local governments to establish heat safety guidelines for outdoor industries in addition to what OSHA already requires, and without uniformity.

2022 Session

- Blocked Construction Defect Legislation that would have put the Commercial Construction industry in a dire position. (SB 736)
- Helped stop legislative effort that would have incentivized Building Departments to capture and maintain exorbitant revenue surplus levels (HB 423)
- Helped secure Labor Day Sales Tax Holiday on tools and other industry items for Pre-Apprentices and Apprentices (Tool Time Sales Tax Holiday)
- Blocked an effort to eliminate competitive bid practices on University Construction Projects

2021 Session

- Passed HB 53 on Public Works to increase competition and decrease government favoritism on public works projects.
- Prohibited Building Departments from asking for copies of private contracts on private commercial projects (as part of HB 1059)
- Blocked an effort to eliminate competitive bid practices on University Construction Projects (HB 1131)
- Helped increase accountability and transparency in Apprenticeship Education through efforts on HB 1507

2020 Session

- Reduced retainage fees from 10% down to 5% via HB 101
- Increased the construction value threshold or continuing contract options to increase opportunities for smaller businesses
- Helped block amendment to Higher Education legislation that would have eliminated competitive solicitations on University Construction

2019 Session

- Improved Permit Fee determinations and transparency in HB 127
- Secured requirements for Apprenticeship Funding reporting and transparency in HB 7071

2018 Session

- Passed Permit Fee Transparency Requirements out of the House
- Secured legislative study of Owner Direct Purchasing Policy Processes

2017 Session

- Increased competitive policies and practices in public procurement via HB 599 on Public Works
- Secured Statute of Repose Reform under House Bill 377
- Secured creation of Statewide Task Force on Apprenticeship Education via HB 1021/Building Code Bill