

The GBCA PAC & AGC PAC need you. Issues that affect one contractor, affect all.

Political Action Committees

Legislative actions have a major impact on the construction business. And since nearly every aspect of our economic and professional lives is impacted by local, state, and federal governments, the need for us to participate effectively in the political process is crucial. Therefore the General Building Contractors Association (GBCA) works hard to develop both action and contributions to show the strength of our voice in government.

It is important to elect legislators willing to listen objectively to our concerns, understand them and act accordingly. Our opponents on important business issues are powerful. They often spend large sums of money to elect candidates who do not share our values and concerns and will fight our efforts to protect the construction industry.

“If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu”

Through a series of political action committees (PACs), the GBCA provides local, state, and national support for races important to GBCA members across the city, commonwealth, and country. Maintaining strong PACs demonstrates that we have a strong grassroots network, effective leadership, and a committed membership.

With that in mind, there are three specific PACs that are supported by GBCA members.

Local and State

The **General Building Contractors Association PAC (GBCA PAC)** is a fund of voluntary personal contributions from our members. The GBCA PAC represents the individuals in GBCA who join together by giving financial support to provide a strong, collective voice on local issues.

A portion of the GBCA PAC fund is used to support the General Contractors Association of Pennsylvania (GCAP) PAC. The GCAP PAC represents a collective voice on state issues.

Federal

The **Associated General Contractors of America Political Action Committee (AGC PAC)** gives GBCA members a collective voice in the election of federal officeholders. AGC PAC advances the legislative priorities of the GBCA by helping to elect the candidates most likely to support those priorities. The **Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) PAC** collects voluntary personal contributions from concerned members for use in making political contributions to candidates for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

“Double Your Credit”

Each GBCA member is contacted by politicians to contribute to particular campaign funds. If you would like to “double the credit” for your contributions, feel free to let the politician know you are a member of the GBCA when contributing. By doing so you will receive credit for making the donation and you will receive “double credit” for all of the contributions other GBCA members have made to that politician.

This is also beneficial for the GBCA because from time to time, issues arise that require the GBCA to contact a legislator, and it’s good to know which members have relationships with particular politicians.

To receive “double credit” is easy! Either copy Lisa Godlewski, Director of Public Affairs on any written correspondence with your politicians or inform the GBCA of contributions via phone or email. Our contact information is below:

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Frequently Asked Questions

Isn't This Merely Buying Politicians' Votes?

Absolutely not! Most candidates and officeholders are honorable people whose votes are not for sale. If they are going to be in a position to listen to our concerns, however, they must first get elected, and that is an expensive process. Those who receive PAC contributions are made aware that the contribution is from a constituent group of contractors and their associates - constituents who recognize their common interest in many public policy issues that affect their lives.

How Much Should I Give?

That is up to you. Contribution levels range from \$10.00 to \$5,000.00. It is a personal decision and you should contribute what you are comfortable with. All contributions are useful and welcome.

When Is the Best Time To Give?

Now! Contributions are invited and accepted throughout the year.

May I Use Company Funds?

No. Law requires that all contributions to candidates be made by personal funds. Corporate contributions are forbidden.

How Much Are PACs Allowed To Contribute To A Candidate?

PACs can give \$5,000 to a candidate committee per election (primary, general or special). They can also give up to \$15,000 annually to any national party committee, and \$5,000 annually to any other PAC. PACs may receive up to \$5,000 from any one individual, PAC or party committee per calendar year.

Is My Contribution Tax Deductible?

No. Federal law no longer permits political contributions to be deducted from your Federal or State taxes.

When Are Contributions Given To Candidates?

Throughout the year. Because of the high cost of running a campaign, most candidates begin raising money as soon as the current election is over.

Contributions to PACs are completely voluntary and must be made with personal funds. GBCA PAC can accept contributions of no more than \$5,000 per calendar year from GBCA members. Member contributions are disbursed as directed by the GBCA Government Affairs Committee, the GCAP Board of Governors, and the AGC PAC Contributions Subcommittee. Contributions to GBCA PAC and AGC PAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

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