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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Ohio's *Government Affairs Update* provides information about government related matters of interest to the commercial building industry and AGC's advocacy efforts. It is e-mailed to AGC of Ohio members and available online at www.agcoho.com/advocacy.html. Direct questions and comments to Andrea Ashley, VP of Government Relations: andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446.

NOTE: With state legislators on break and very limited legislative action expected prior to the November election, the *Government Affairs Update* will be e-mailed with less frequency until after the election.

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OHIO BWC ISSUES GUIDANCE ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) created [Medical Marijuana and Its Impact on BWC](#). The [document](#) briefly describes portions of the law impacting workers' compensation and provides some guidance for employers. It specifically states that "the best way employers can protect their workers and themselves is to establish a drug-free workplace, or, if they already have one, to review and update it if necessary."

Other BWC News: Safety Innovation Awards: The Ohio BWC is accepting applications from Ohio employers for the 2017 Safety Innovation Awards. Innovations must demonstrate reduction in safety or ergonomic risk factors, or occupational health exposures. Cash awards up to \$6,000 are available, and applications are due by September 30. View eligibility requirements and instructions on the [BWC website](#).

CONTRIBUTE TO AGC OF OHIO ACTION AND HELP ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION!

In this caustic election environment, some of the construction industry's strongest proponents are facing unusually tough races due to the individuals at the top of the ticket.

Contributions to AGC of Ohio's political action committee, AGC Action, are used to support state legislative candidates who support our industry – ones that have demonstrated their willingness to work with AGC on construction-related issues. By pooling individual contributions from contractors, AGC Action can show a collective voice of support for those who back our industry. It is vital to AGC's legislative efforts, and vital to construction-friendly elected officials.

Contribute to AGC of Ohio's PAC and show the industry's support of those that support construction!

Send personal or PAC checks to: AGC Action, 1755 Northwest Blvd., Columbus, OH 43212. *(Note: Make checks payable to AGC Action. Corporate contributions are not permitted. Sole proprietors, partnerships and unincorporated associations may use company funds to contribute.)*

Direct PAC questions to Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio: ph (614) 486-6446 or andrea@agcoho.com.



AGC ELECTION RESOURCES

On election years, AGC of Ohio receives calls from candidates for endorsements and from members asking about the association's preferred candidates. AGC of Ohio does not endorse state legislative candidates. However, AGC of Ohio can discuss or share information about state legislators' voting records and assistance on industry issues. Contact Andrea Ashley for more information: andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446.

AGC of America tracks voting records of lawmakers for each Congress, available online at: www.agc.org/industry-priorities/advocacy/agc-voting-records. Lifetime voting records are available [here](#). Another AGC resource – www.constructionvotes.com – provides voting information, ideas and samples to help employer “get out the vote” efforts for employees, and candidate information.

OFCC CONFERENCE

The annual OFCC Conference begins later this month. The dates and locations are:

- Tuesday, August 23 - Columbus #1 | [View Details and Register for Columbus #1](#)
- Thursday, September 22 - Cleveland | [View Details and Register for Cleveland](#)
- Wednesday, September 28 - Cincinnati | [View Details and Register for Cincinnati](#)
- Wednesday, October 12 - Columbus #2 | [View Details and Register for Columbus #2](#)

Cost to attend is \$70.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack and conference materials. OFCC Conference materials and other resources will be available online shortly before each conference date at: <http://ofcc.ohio.gov/NewsEvents/OFCCConference.aspx>.