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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.

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YOUR INPUT NEEDED ABOUT ISSUES WITH OAKS-CI

AGC of Ohio and member volunteers—as well as representatives from the subcontractor, design and engineering communities—will be meeting with OFCC to discuss OAKS-CI and some of the challenges the industry has with it. To date, three primary concerns that have been brought to our attention are: (1) change orders/payment, (2) it's cumbersome to input initial schedule of values, (3) using contingency.

If you or anyone in your organization have identified other issues with OAKS-CI that you would like to share with us, please forward them to Andrea Ashley of AGC at andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446 by May 3.

SENECA CO. AG OPINION REQUEST

The Seneca County Prosecutor has requested the Ohio Attorney General (AG) to opine on whether a public authority can avoid competitive bidding by characterizing the work as a “service” under local governments’ shared services law. This practice could include the possibility of “piggyback” contracts and avoidance of various public construction laws. AGC of Ohio and the Ohio Contractors Association (OCA) is working with an attorney to draft a brief about the highlighting the importance of public construction laws and competition for public improvements for submission to the AG’s office.