

# Contractors Support CCB Budget

*Agency Has Proven Record of Prioritizing Benefits for All Oregonians*

Oregon has a longstanding history of programs designed to provide businesses and consumers statewide with predictable, uniform regulations and equal consumer protection. The construction contractors board is no different. Consumers and our members benefit from having a single, statewide regulatory agency to ensure standards for general and sub-contractor training, insurance, and bond amounts remain consistent throughout Oregon.

Consumers need to know they have access to dispute resolution, mediation, and bond recovery services and contractors need a single set of rules to follow. Meeting the needs of all construction businesses and consumers with varying project types and expectations is a challenging endeavor — one that benefits from a dedicated agency of professional staff and a board of volunteer citizens serving as a sounding board for Oregonians.

Balancing the needs of consumers and businesses takes a commitment to communication and customer service, and a willingness to enforce the laws statewide. When appropriate, it also means partnering with regulated businesses to the benefit all Oregonians.

A recent example was during the height of COVID when both consumers and contractors needed important information on how to stay safe and in alignment with the governors' executive orders. Our members helped provide safety information to the Oregon Construction Contractors Board, which distributed it to all contractors and consumers. This ensured we all operated safely, and that the information was available to all Oregonians. This is just one example of the leadership and can-do approach of the agency and a willingness to work toward the statewide good.

As construction contractors we want the committee to know we support the policy of a single agency with dedicated funds to provide consistent, uniform and predictable services to consumers, and to businesses working in specialized areas such as construction.

The 2023-2025 budget is modest, and we support the Oregon Construction Contractors Board, its leadership, and the services it provides to our members and our customers. We urge your support and recognition of the value this agency plays in the construction industry.

