



AGC MEMBERS KNOW HOW TO BUILD: TIPS ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEGISLATORS AND BEING A CONSTRUCTION ADVOCATE



Stay informed on construction issues at the Capitol. Subscribe to [AGC's Weekly Update](#), consider serving on the Legislative Committee, and attend AGC events. Check out AGC of MN's [legislative platform](#).



Remember, legislators are human beings! Although many lawmakers focus on specific areas, they also have to be generalists - knowing a little about many different topics. Just a handful of state lawmakers have a background in construction.



The construction advocacy season is year-round. Continuously building relationships with state lawmakers, members of Congress at the federal level, and with AGC staff throughout the year produces effective advocacy when it is needed the most.



Know who your legislators are: <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>

If you live in a different legislative district than where headquarters/office are located, building relationships with multiple legislators is encouraged.



Reach out. Introduce yourself via email and tell legislators who you represent. Let them know if you live or work in their district. Ask for an additional opportunity to dialogue with them. Legislators are typically back in their districts on weekends during session (January-May) and in the interim (end of May-December). Their staff will likely respond initially, especially during session with demands for their time are high.



Sign up for legislative action alerts at <https://p2a.co/agc> At times throughout the year, it is necessary to call to ask members to make their voice heard on legislative and regulatory issues affecting the construction industry.



Lean on AGC of MN [governmental affairs staff](#) to help navigate the political process and ask them questions when needed. You do not need to be an expert in the political process, but you are the expert on your business.



Remember, AGC members are the association's most effective advocates.