

Right-to-Work, Wrong for Michigan's Construction Industry

On February 9, 2012 the Board of Directors of the West Michigan Construction Alliance (WMCA), voted unanimously in opposition to "Right-to-Work" or as it's commonly known as "Right-to-Work for less" legislation in Michigan. Furthermore, they found no economic benefit of pitting non-union persons against union members and their signatory contractors.

WMCA contractor members use local area construction workers who are trained and licensed to the highest standards. These standards come about because construction labor and management members invest mutually and cooperatively in themselves. Divisiveness caused by a Right-to-Work debate harms this relationship between labor and management, which in turn may affect the quality of work that is performed, not only by our members, but by all construction workers, throughout Michigan.

A better use of time should be pursued by Michigan elected leaders and power brokers in getting all Michiganders to work cooperatively between diverse interests, thereby improving the productivity of Michigan's workforce. Governor Rick Snyder is on record many times in opposing "Right-to-Work for less" legislation. We should all heed his sound advice.

The WMCA is a labor/management partnership of contractors and construction workers. The organization service area primarily includes 23 counties in West and Southwest Michigan. Through our organization, customers have access to over 700 contractors and 5,000 construction workers. We have been building Michigan for over 100 years with a proven track record of quality, service and value.

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