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National Trade Associations Agree to Form Coalition

Toronto, Ontario - On Monday, December 13, 2004 representatives of the major National Trade Contractor Associations met in Toronto with a view to creating closer working relationships with each other. As a consequence, a consensus was reached to form a coalition of National Trade Contractor Associations whose mandate would be to address national issues of common concern specific to trade/subcontractors.

The appointed spokesperson for the coalition, Mr. Richard McKeagan, President of the Mechanical Contractors Association Canada, said “this coalition does not intend to duplicate the efforts of other organizations but rather intends to work cooperatively with other national associations to reach their goals”. He added, “the coalition will also address issues on its own, where and when appropriate”.

The December 13th meeting identified numerous issues of mutual concern to all trades with a particular focus on three major priority areas of interest: *getting paid and getting paid promptly for work performed, promoting the use of "unaltered" standard forms of contract, and promoting the use of the bid depository system across the country.*

The coalition of National Trade Contractors Associations will be welcoming other important national trade associations who wish to become involved. The coalition will be meeting in early 2005 to discuss details of the organization, the issues at hand, and the necessary course of actions.

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