



National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada

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National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada Meets Again

Ottawa, Ontario-On Wednesday, July 13, 2005 representatives of the National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada held their third meeting in seven months with 18 people in attendance. Aside from the national associations representing mechanical, electrical, automatic sprinkler, masonry, roofing, and thermal insulation contractors, the meeting welcomed several guests and representatives from two other national trade contractors Association's specifically the Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Contractors (of Canada) and the Architecture Woodwork Manufactures Association of Canada. More national trade associations have indicated interest in becoming involved in NTCCC and are expected to actively participate in the future.

Once again, members of Coalition concentrated on the three priority issues: getting paid and getting paid promptly for work performed, promotion of unaltered forms of industry accepted standard forms of contracts, and promotion of the bid depository system across Canada. With regards the latter, and given the fact that the Board of Directors of the Canadian Construction Association, has agreed to proceed with the implementation of a national bid depository Education plan, the Coalition will be monitoring progress and will consider enhancing the promotional aspects of plan.

With regards to payment and contracts, the Coalition is proceeding to develop a Cross Canada series of seminar/workshops expected to be delivered in 2006. The purpose of the program is to create a meaningful impact on industry the results of which can be practically implemented by all trade contractors of all disciplines on a project to project basis.

The Coalition agreed to two formal working relationships on July 13th. The first is with the Construction Sector Council (CSC). The Coalition's constituent member associations will be working with CSC on human resource issues that affect all contractors particularly those that are labour-intensive. In addition, the Coalition agreed to a requested liaison with the Trade Contractors Council of the Canadian Construction Association as members of both organizations share common interests and concerns.

Management education is another topic that is of paramount interest to trade contractors and an agreement to share programs amongst constituent member associations has been established.

Draft Articles of federal incorporation and bylaws were introduced and agreed-upon at the meeting.

The next meeting of the Coalition is expected early Fall 2005.

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