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NTCCC ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO GET INVOLVED IN UPCOMING ELECTION!

The National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC) is implementing a 2015 election strategy which will capitalize on its engaged national membership to reach out to candidates from all parties. NTCCC has already reached out to elected officials, staff, and bureaucrats in Ottawa and this pressure will be well supported by a grassroots effort during the election period.

NTCCC Chairman, John Galt, says ‘the coming federal election is a unique opportunity for members to ensure our future federal government leaders understand the negative economic impact of delayed payments in Canada’s construction system and the effect this has on families and small businesses. NTCCC will be calling on parties to commit to introducing prompt payment legislation that will require all federal contracts for construction projects to include prompt payment clauses. This would require federal government owners and all contractors to make payments on time for work that has been completed and that is not in dispute. Without costing government anything extra, this would be a positive stimulus to the construction industry and will have a positive long-term effect of inviting more competitive bids and more affordable projects overall,’ says Galt.

Other countries like the United States (including 49 out of 50 states), United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand have eliminated the delay payments bottleneck in their construction industries. Canada remains an outlier.

NTCCC has established a website (www.promptpayment.ca) where anyone can go and write the party leaders and their own local candidates supporting the concept of federal prompt payment legislation. In addition, Coalition contractor members are encouraged to meet with their local candidates seeking their support. Supporting documentation will also be made available.

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The National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC) was established in 2004 to provide an organized forum for Canada's national trade organizations to share information, resources, and to collaborate on issues that are of common interest all. The membership is currently comprised of: Canadian Roofing Contractors Association, Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association, Canadian Masonry Contractors Association, Canadian Electrical Contractors Association, Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada, Interior Systems Contractors Association, Thermal Insulation Association of Canada, Heating Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Institute of Canada-Contractors Division, Sheet-Metal Contractors Association, Canadian Institute of Steel Construction, and the Tile, Terrazzo, and Marble Guild. For more information on the NTCCC, visit the website at www.ntccc.ca or contact Richard McKeagan at 613.232.0492 or email rick@mcac.ca.

