January 30, 2017

Chairman Jason Chaffetz
Oversight & Government Reform Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2236 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Elijah Cummings
Oversight & Government Reform Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: Support Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act, H.R. 679

Dear Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings,

We, the undersigned 14 construction industry trade and professional organizations representing tens of thousands of firms and individuals engaged in architecture, engineering, surveying and mapping, prime contracting, subcontracting, specialty trade contracting, supplying, and surety bond producing, urge you to support the Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act, H.R. 679, on design-build and reverse auction procurement reform at the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee markup on January 31, 2017.

H.R. 679 would encourage more efficient and competitive utilization of design-build acquisition for design and construction services by reasonably limiting use of the one-step design-build procurement process. In addition, the bill would help provide reasonable limitations on federal use of reverse auction procurement for construction services. These reforms will help increase competition and federal contract award opportunities for all construction industry businesses, especially small businesses.

Again, we urge you to support H.R. 679 on design-build and reverse auction procurement reform. Thank you for your consideration of the construction industry.

Sincerely,

The Below Signed Associations:

American Council of Engineering Companies
American Institute of Architects
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Subcontractors Association
Associated General Contractors
Construction Management Association of America
Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services
Independent Electrical Contractors
MAPPS
National Association of Surety Bond Producers
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Society of Professional Surveyors
Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors National Association
Surety & Fidelity Association of America

CC: Members of the House Oversight & Government Reform Committee