February 2, 2016

Chairman Ron Johnson
Senate Committee on
Homeland Security & Government Affairs
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Tom Carper
Senate Committee on
Homeland Security & Government Affairs
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support S. 1526 at the February 10 Senate HSGAC Markup

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Carper,

We, the undersigned 15 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 and your committee members to support the Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2015 (S. 1526) at the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee markup scheduled for February 10. The bill would help increase opportunities for small businesses and prevent government waste.

Sponsored by Sens. Rob Portman and Mazie Hirono, this bipartisan bill provides a framework for growth in the construction industry and for more efficient federal government procurement through simple, no-cost to the government solutions. If enacted, the bill would:

- Encourage more efficient and competitive utilization of design-build acquisition by reasonably limiting use of the one-step design-build construction procurement process; and
- Prohibit reverse auction procurement of design and construction services, thereby increasing federal contracting opportunities for more small businesses.

Again, we urge you to support this common-sense, small business-focused construction procurement reform bill on February 10. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Construction Industry Procurement Coalition

CC: Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Government Affairs