

OGCA Mission

To be the leading advocate and service provider to our members, fostering an improved general contracting environment.

The OGCA carries out its mission by serving its members in the following key areas:

- **Advocacy:**
A unified voice and watchdog for our members.
- **Education:**
Support the development of skills for the future.
- **Contracts:**
Advocating for fair practices, standard contracts and tendering.
- **Safety:**
Advocating and supporting excellence in health and safety.
- **Service Excellence:**
Providing members with support and information required to prosper.

About the Construction Industry

- Construction is the second largest industry in Ontario employing over 425,000 persons
- Canada is the 5th largest construction market in the world
- Investment in construction produces a 3.28% multiplier of economic activity

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WE BUILD ONTARIO

ONTARIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

The OGCA members are responsible for constructing over 70% of all Industrial, Commercial and Institutional projects in Ontario.

Since 1939, the OGCA has been the Champion of General Contractors in Ontario with a membership of over 200 leading firms from the industry. All AFP building projects as of November 2012, have been built or are currently being built by OGCA members, from Hospitals to the Pan Am projects.

Our members do over \$10 billion dollars of work annually in Ontario. We are the most sought-after bidders in the Province of Ontario.

Supporting Members by:

- **Ensuring** fairness and transparency of contract and tendering practices.
- **Advocating** for members to government and the industry. **Building** positive working relationships with politicians and bureaucrats at all levels of government. Being a strong, voice to effectively address policy decisions, regulations and legislation impacting our industry.
- **Leading** in Health and Safety excellence and training including the establishment of Certificate of Recognition (CoR) as a performance standard.
- **Working** closely with WSIB and IHSA to support, foster and promote safe workplace practices. **Advocating** for an affordable and competitive Workers Compensation System.
- **Collaborating** with other construction associations and working with alliances and coalitions to address industry challenges.
- **Championing** careers in construction by encouraging young men and women, aboriginals and new immigrants to select our industry as a career path.
- **Supporting** the CCA Gold Seal Program and **providing** a range of educational opportunities including the OGCA Symposium.
- **Initiating** industry forums and conferences on important issues such as procurement and leadership with health and safety.

Outreach to Owners

The OGCA works with Owners by providing:

- Qualified, competent contractors who have a proven record of being able to handle any nature of work an owner requires.
- An enforceable "Code of Ethics" that all members are required to support.
- Members who set and support a strong standard of professionalism and expectations.
- Action to ensure its members uphold these standards through a complaints and disciplinary policy available to owners.
- Mediation and arbitration references and services to resolve differences between owners and members.
- Free advice and review on contracts and projects that can identify issues before they happen.
- Links and access to many other professional associations who can provide assistance to owners.

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