

Tell us a bit about Ashbaugh Beal and your connection to the construction industry.

For 25 years, Ashbaugh Beal has been a law firm committed to serving the construction industry. We are proud to work with many great contractors who have made positive impacts on our communities. As active members in the AGC of Washington, in addition to other construction related trade groups, we truly value the relationships we have developed with the members of these organizations.

Why is the AGC Education Foundation important to your business core values as construction lawyers?

One of our firm's core values is the commitment to give back to the construction industry. Since 1987, our professionals have actively participated with and supported our friends in the industry. Ashbaugh Beal shares the AGC Education Foundation's passion for education. The AGC Education Foundation has done an excellent job in training the future leaders of our industry. Ashbaugh Beal has been proud to both teach and attend some of these programs, and has been active in fundraising and financially supporting the Education Foundation for over 20 years.

What do you see as the Foundations' greatest impact on the industry?

They should continue to focus efforts on the development of a committed and talented workforce through education, training, and financial assistance to the future generations of construction professionals.

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Bob, why do you choose to serve on the board?

I enjoy the service aspect of board membership, as well as the opportunity to serve with respected leaders in the construction industry. Their commitment to the construction community is inspiring and I am proud to be a board member. Another highlight for me is watching the Education Foundation's efforts make positive contributions to children's lives.

What makes Ashbaugh Beal proud to be affiliated with the AGC Education Foundation?

The Education Foundation is the best at what they do. The staff leads with enthusiasm and creativity. In addition to recruiting and training the future workforce, the Foundation excels at making sure contractors are up to speed on the latest trends, developments, and technology within the industry.

Ashbaugh Beal recently made a five year commitment to the Annual Fund. Why did you choose this level of commitment to support the AGC Education Foundation?

We wanted to show our dedication to the Education Foundation by making a substantial commitment and to encourage other organizations to follow suit. It's important that both contractor and non-contractor companies make significant financial contributions to the Education Foundation.

What are your hopes for the Foundation in the future?

We hope that the Foundation will be able to assist more students in achieving their dreams of getting an education and developing their careers in construction. There are a lot of smart, hard-working people out there who would be a great asset to any of our businesses and we need to figure out how to get them interested and involved in construction.

Why is it important for individuals and corporations, in addition to general contractors, to support the AGC Education Foundation?

It is important that the local construction community has a talented and passionate workforce for years to come. Contractors, as well as our communities, will benefit significantly. We owe it to the industry to meaningfully invest in the Education Foundation and its programs. It's time for all of us to step up. ■



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