



ARE YOU GETTING PAID? ARE THE PAYMENTS TIMELY? IS THE CONTRACT LANGUAGE FAIR?



Most subcontractors rate prompt payment and fair contracts as their most serious issues. Subcontractors have no greater advocate than the Minnesota Subcontractors Association.

WE ARE SUBCONTRACTORS - THESE ISSUES ARE OUR FOCUS!

Our Members, Attorneys and Professional Lobbyist are working for you!

1. MSA leads a coalition of specialty contractor associations. We renewed the Contractors Bill of Rights Coalition (CBRC), an organization of the largest subcontracting trade associations in Minnesota. Our objectives is working together to improve existing law including:

- Indemnity provisions - each party should be responsible for their own errors (**Passed in 2013**)
- Retainage - eliminate it or establish reasonable contract terms (**Legislation in process for 2014**)
- Require disclosure of payments to contractors (transparency)
- Pay if Paid / Pay when Paid - prohibit contract provisions allowing them
- Remove residential exclusions (**Passed in 2009**)
- Improve the effectiveness of liens as a collection tool

2. In the Courts - MSA monitors cases affecting subcontractors. We led the way with an Amicus Brief before the Minnesota Supreme Court in support of subcontractor L.H. Bolduc. This crucial case involved indemnification. The 128 year old company faced \$235,000 judgment even though the courts determined that they were ZERO % negligent - Bolduc won the case. MSA subcontractors helped sponsor another brief involving Bond Claims.

3. Best Practice and Education - MSA provides an ongoing series of programs presented by attorneys, accountants and professionals to enhance knowledge and facilitate your success; examples:

- Using the law to get paid
- Understanding contract provisions and negotiations
- Financial management
- Free to Members Networking Events

No one else is focused on these issues. This is just a summary of the high points, there is much more.

There are thousands of subcontractors in Minnesota. We do 90% of the work on every project, as we do so, we also finance the project. We need your membership to increase subcontractor leverage. Join Today!

Testimonials:

Jennifer Sahler, President, Dispatch Trucking LLC- "As a small business, I wondered whether joining MSA would be a good investment. Now I renew my annual membership without question. As with any business owner, collecting our receivables can be a daily struggle. In the last year alone, the education that I have received, and the connections that I have made, helped me recover over 10 times the dollar value of my membership dues. I wish every business investment had that kind of return!"



Donna Gulden, President, Homeco Insulation, LLC- "MSA changed the way I do business" Donna used MSA materials and information to improve contracts and her ability to negotiate!



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