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ABC Calls Upon CCAC to Turn Their Words into Action

Pittsburgh, PA – Associated Builders and Contractors of Western Pennsylvania announced today the intent to continue their public awareness campaign against project labor agreements (PLA) in Allegheny County. The Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) halted bidding on their \$21 million dollar science project today. In response to CCAC's decision, ABC urges the CCAC board to turn their words into action, more specifically – policy.

“The decision of CCAC to halt bidding may appear to be a success, but does not ensure that future projects will not have a PLA,” said ABC President, Eileen Watt. “This is a political stunt to appease small businesses in order to save elections,” continued Watt. Originally, CCAC intended to issue blanket PLA's which would apply to all future construction projects – not just the science building.

“ABC will not consider this a victory until we see a policy that rejects PLA-only bids for all CCAC projects in the future,” said ABC Chairman, Robert Glancy, of R.A. Glancy & Sons. In the 2009 general budget, Allegheny County funded \$22 million dollars to CCAC. ABC believes that only a vote from County Council or an executive order from Chief Executive, Dan Onorato, will truly protect taxpayer and student tuition. By allowing competition and keeping markets open, prices will be kept down on projects and the taxpayers will then have a win. ABC argues that until Allegheny County Council and Chief Executive Dan Onorato establish a policy in writing that rejects PLA-only projects, there is no victory for the taxpayers of Allegheny County.

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