



Connecticut Chapter

Comments by the
Associated Builders & Contractors of Connecticut and
Castle Concrete

**SB 1051 An Act Establishing Alternative Prequalification Requirements for Emerging
Subcontractors
March 18, 2013 before the Planning and Development Committee**

On behalf of CT ABC and Castle Concrete, I'd like to thank the Committee for holding this hearing on this very important topic. CT ABC's 200 local members work on both public and private commercial construction projects in Connecticut and provide approximately 5,000 local jobs. I'm also here on behalf of my firm, Castle Concrete, a minority owned business out of North Branford. I employ 35 office and field personnel.

We applaud the introduction and intent of SB 1051, An Act Establishing Alternative Prequalification Requirements for Emerging Subcontractors.

Many join the construction industry in the hopes of one day establishing their own company, being their own boss, and following the American dream of being an entrepreneur. SB 1051 supports such dreams as it recognizes that subcontractors starting out desire to compete within the public construction industry.

SB 1051 will help emerging subcontractors. It will allow those emerging firms to submit 3 years of state and federal income tax returns as part of their DAS Prequalification application instead of showing that they can get bonding. This alternate submission requirement will help firms to obtain CT DAS prequalification and bid on public projects throughout Connecticut, while also protecting the State by showing financial position.

Emerging subcontractors will still be responsible for DAS prequalification submission requirements and responsible for paying the applicable prequalification fee ranging from \$600 to \$1,500.

SB 1051 is an excellent example of CT's efforts to create job opportunities for CT citizens and at the same time complete much needed public infrastructure projects, be it schools, roads, or water systems.

CT ABC and Castle Concrete are here to assist the Committee members in any way that we can. Please consider us a resource for information in regards to construction delivery systems and day-to-day procedures.

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