

LEAD

We work to have legislation introduced or we work with others (legislators, coalitions, and partners) to have it introduced, and we actively support these efforts.

Professional Licensing

Oppose efforts to weaken rigorous standards for architectural licensing, and work to ensure that architectural services are only provided by licensed individuals who have demonstrated competency through examinations, experience, and education.

Integrity of the Built Environment

Advocate for policies that ensure architects continue to produce work that protects the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans.

Building Codes / Enforcement

Encourage the use of modern building codes, which protect taxpayer investments, reduce energy use, improve building performance, and increase asset value.

ENGAGE

We may support, oppose, or remain neutral on a bill or issue. We may provide members' expertise in the form of testimony or in meetings with policy makers.

School Safety

Support legislation to continue to improve the safety and security of Tennessee schools. We are committed to providing the best guidance possible on how schools might improve safety in existing facilities and in the design of new facilities — while maintaining open and positive learning environments.

Attainable Housing

Advocate for policies that address the housing shortage while ensuring access to well-design, affordable living spaces for all people of all income levels in Tennessee.

Historic Preservation

Support policies and programs that seek to preserve, restore, and maintain buildings significant to the history and culture of Tennessee while revitalizing communities, creating jobs and increasing economic activity.

Resiliency & Disaster Response

Advocate for policies that improve durability of infrastructure and strengthen buildings through design practices that prioritize disaster mitigation and produce resilient environments that can recover from adverse events.

Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) & Procurement Integrity

Oppose attempts to weaken or eliminate QBS. Work to ensure best practices procurement for the planning, design, and construction of public sector projects at all levels of government.

MONITOR

We are watchful of legislation and issues, assessing risk of escalating our involvement and determining if or when we should act or weigh in, and we look for proactive opportunities to communicate the benefits of architecture and the value of good design.

Education / Workforce Development

Support programs that promote design education, technical training and opportunities to create a robust pipeline of talent to sustain and advance the profession and/or the construction industry.

Tax Policies

Monitor for initiatives that strengthen and enhance businesses. Oppose any proposals for new taxes on professional services.

Public Infrastructure Funding

Support the use of surplus budget funds to establish programs that rebuild and repair aging water infrastructure to ensure meeting the needs of Tennessee's communities and improve civic and government structures across our state, such as public schools, courthouses, and libraries.