

Pride And Professionalism



For 125 Years, PHCC has promoted contractor professionalism while protecting public health and safety, and the environment.



Throughout its long, proud history, the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) has believed that by banding together as a group, much more could be accomplished. This is especially true in legislative efforts, where a large number of people of like minds come together for greater impact.



In its 125th anniversary year, PHCC will be working hard in Washington to protect the interests of its 4,100 contractor members. The key will be to remain active behind the scenes as the national election year unfolds. We all know that most attention will be given to the presidential and national elections this year, so some patience will be needed. Despite the election year focus,

there are some positive signs for issues of interest to PHCC.

There are indications that 2008 will be the “Year of Small Business.” For example, during recent presidential debates candidates in both parties have recognized the importance of small businesses to the American economy. They have urged Congress and the federal government to do everything necessary to insure that this decline comes to a halt. This will not go unnoticed by Congress. This year PHCC hopes to seize this opportunity to bring attention to issues facing the p-h-c industry.

Immigration reform will continue to be a “hot topic,” but we expect that no legislation will be considered until 2009,



at the earliest. It is simply too controversial in an election year. However, PHCC will continue to push behind the scenes for no “contractor liability” and no employer sanctions in the immigration reform arena.

PHCC also will focus on its continuing key issues, including fighting unfair utility competition, opposing a three percent withholding tax on contractors doing work on government projects, promoting association health plans and lobbying for permanent repeal of the estate tax.

At the same time, we anticipate working on making sure language for the regional standards of air conditioning and heating products is as contractor-friendly as possible. Although we opposed the inclusion of these standards in the energy bill, we must move forward and make sure our input is considered in the final standards.

The issues of climate change and global warming are becoming hot button issues in the world of politics. PHCC hopes to become a national leader in the green movement by helping advance initiatives to conserve water and achieve energy efficiency without

placing undue, unnecessary burdens on p-h-c contractors.

What will make the year particularly exciting is PHCC’s sponsorship of National Plumbing Industry Week, April 27 through May 3, 2008, during PHCC’s Leadership and Legislative Conference ’08 in Washington DC. With the help of state and local chapters, PHCC hopes to receive proclamations at the federal, state and local levels. National Plumbing Industry Week will be part of a year-long 125th anniversary celebration designed to bring recognition to the contributions that the professional p-h-c contractor makes to the health safety and comfort of society.



In 2008, not unlike other years, PHCC will provide the foundation and support for issues that impact our member contractors and the consumer. The changes we seek and the legislation we believe in, will generate substantial impact within our industry, to the customers we serve and our environment. Join us as we acknowledge 125 years of Pride and Professionalism. Celebrate our History, Join Our Future.

