

Federal Budget 2025 Lays Groundwork to Get Big Projects Built

(Edmonton, Nov. 4, 2025) – The Progressive Contractors Association of Canada (PCA), whose member companies and their workers build major infrastructure and capital projects across Canada, welcomes the Carney government's efforts to spur growth and attract investment through significant investments in infrastructure in Budget 2025.

"After a decade of stalled and cancelled projects, we're pleased this budget is focussed on infrastructure spending, accelerating projects and boosting investor confidence," said Paul de Jong, President & CEO of PCA. "The question now is, how Canada's project approval process will be more efficient and predictable."

Budget 2025, called "Canada Strong" invests \$115 billion in infrastructure and \$110 billion in productivity and competitiveness initiatives, both over five years, while at the same time increasing the deficit to \$78.3 billion. Budget 2025 also announces a new Build Communities Strong Fund—a \$50 billion, 10-year commitment to local infrastructure.

"Our member companies and their workers would be proud to help build projects that boost Canada's economy," added de Jong. "In order for that to happen, the federal government must ensure there are no labour provisions that restrict who can bid on and construct nation building projects. All talented contractors and workers should get a shot at building projects that make Canada stronger."

PCA launched the <u>Let's Get Building</u> campaign during the federal election, to raise public awareness about the importance of getting nation building projects underway without further delay.

About the Progressive Contractors Association of Canada (PCA)

PCA is a national association of leading construction companies that employ more than 40,000 unionized skilled tradespeople, who are represented primarily by CLAC. Our member companies are responsible for 40 percent of energy and natural resource construction projects in Western Canada and are leaders in building and maintaining many of Canada's capital and infrastructure projects.

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