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## **Governor Brown Signs AB 626 – Public Works Change Order Reform Becomes Reality!!!**

On September 29, 2016 Governor Brown signed AB 626 our "change order" reform legislation. The new law implements a fair and responsible process that requires agencies to respond to a contractor's claim for "extra work" timely and pay the undisputed portions of claims, and provides a path for expedited settlement of disputed claims.

This is a major victory for contractors. We would like to thank Assembly Member David Chiu for championing this important cause and the other trade associations and our labor partners for their hard work and support on this issue.

The new law will take effect January 1, 2017 and will apply to all contracts entered into on or after that date.

Our continued success in Sacramento is a reflection of your support. Congratulations on this triumph!

A copy of the new law can be found here:

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB626](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB626)