Maintaining the competitiveness of union signatory contractors, providing living wages and sustainable health care and pension benefits to skilled union workers, and delivering quality projects on time and on budget are shared endeavors between labor and management. The Construction Employers’ Association (CEA), with its union partners, is on the front line in supporting the unionized building industry as construction in Northern California continues at a fervent pace.

CEA is led by prominent building contractor principals who are leaders in the industry. Representing more than 100 union-affiliated contractors, the association provides its members with labor relations and public works labor compliance assistance, along with legislative and safety-related advocacy. CEA member contractors collectively perform more than $15 billion annually in public and private construction. This includes projects such as K–12 schools, community colleges and universities, commercial and government buildings, health-care facilities, multifamily housing, water infrastructure, energy and power projects, laboratory and technology projects, sports stadiums and parking structures.

CEA values its long-standing and positive relationships with its key labor partners. In 2018, the association’s board of directors, along with its experienced professional staff, helped to negotiate five-year labor agreements with the Northern California carpenters and laborers unions. CEA also has labor agreements with the cement masons and operating engineers in Northern California.

The association maintains offices in Walnut Creek and Sacramento. For more information, visit www.cea-ca.org.

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