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Blueprints

Appropriations Committee to Hear School Construction Budget Governor's \$272 million request before Joint Appropriations Committee this Friday.

The Wyoming State Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee will be taking up Governor Freudenthal's \$272 million budget request for the Wyoming School Facilities Commission (SFC) this Friday morning in Cheyenne.

ABC of Wyoming has been vocal in our support of the \$266 million in the Governor's biennial budget request for school capital construction and major maintenance.

The Select Committee on School Facilities has recommended a budget for the SFC that is approximately \$198 million for the biennium.

While the Governor's budget request is significantly higher than the Select Committee's request, it trims \$27 million from the original SFC request, and \$180 million (40%) from the previous biennium's budget.

"Many of our members are concerned that they have spent several years building their businesses and workforces to meet the demands of increased school construction in the state, and while they understand the need to trim the states budgets, they fear dramatic budget cuts will lead to them having to drastically cut their businesses back, including laying off employees," says ABC of Wyoming President, Josh Carnahan.

"School construction is a legitimate economic stimulus for Wyoming," continues Carnahan, "It provides immediate stimulus for the communities in which schools are built, and long-term stimulus throughout the state by keeping our workers working. The dollars many construction folks earn are spent over and over again right here in Wyoming, this recirculation of funds will help Wyoming better weather the economic storm."

ABC of Wyoming is encouraging all of our members that are concerned about school construction budgets, to contact members of the Joint Appropriations Committee and ask them to uphold Governor Freudenthal's \$266 million budget request for school construction and major maintenance over the next two years.

Members of the Joint Appropriations Committee are:

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Sen. Mike Massie, (307) 742-5383
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Sen. Curt Meier, (307) 834-2344
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Sponsors Needed for Annual Convention

The ABC of Wyoming annual convention is coming up quickly and we are in need of sponsors to help keep the even fun and affordable.

This year's convention will be held in Sheridan, April 9th and 10th at the Sheridan Center Best Western.

We plan to hold a number of educational sessions and fun excursions much like we did in Cody last year.

We have a number of different suggested sponsorship packages available:

Platinum Package \$2,000: includes total Convention Sponsorship, your business name and logo on all convention materials, as well as 4 Convention registrations.

Gold Package \$1,500: includes reception or Meal Sponsorship, business name and logo on materials for event, and 3 convention registrations.

Silver Package \$1,000: includes speaker and session sponsorship, business name and logo listed with event, and 2 convention registrations.

Bronze Package \$500: includes excursion or educational session sponsorship, business name listed with event, and 1 convention registration.

Although we have designed the sponsorship packages to make it easier for your company to sponsor events at the convention, we are willing to work with you to design a sponsorship package or event to fit your budget!

Anyone interested in the 2010 ABC of Wyoming Annual Convention sponsorship opportunity should contact Josh Carnahan at (307) 258-0685.

Remember to mark your calendars for April 9th and 10th!

2010 STEP Applications Now Available

2010 Safety Evaluation and Training Process (STEP) applications are now available at the ABC of Wyoming office. For an application, or for more information about the ABC STEP program, please contact the ABC of Wyoming office at (307) 577-6460.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2010

4th – 15th – Joint Appropriations Committee, Cheyenne

18th – Select Committee on School Facilities, Casper

19th – 20th – Joint Education Committee, Casper

21st - ABC of WY Board Meeting

21st – Select Committee on Capital Finance and Investment, Casper

FEBRUARY 2010

3rd – 7th – **ABC National Convention, San Diego**

For more information visit the ABC website: www.abc.org

8th – 2010 Wyoming State Legislature Budget Session Begins

18th - **ABC of WY Board Meeting, TBA**

APRIL 2010

9th – 10th **ABC of WY Annual Convention, Sheridan Center Best Western, Sheridan, WY**