

## LEAD

We work to have legislation introduced or we work with others (legislators, coalitions, and partners) to have it introduced, and we actively support these efforts.

### **Professional Licensing**

Oppose efforts to weaken rigorous standards for architectural licensing, and work to ensure that architectural services are only provided by licensed individuals who have demonstrated competency through examinations, experience, and education.

### **Lower Threshold**

Lower the threshold for when a registered architect is required for building construction projects intended for human occupancy and public gathering.

### **Frivolous Design & Construction Defect Litigation**

Champion legislation intended to reduce lawsuits alleging unfounded design and construction defects.

## ENGAGE

We may support, oppose, or remain neutral on a bill or issue. We may provide members' expertise in the form of testimony or in meetings with policy makers.

### **School Safety**

Support legislation to continue to improve the safety and security of Texas Schools. Through our ongoing work to promote best practice standards for the design and construction of school facilities, we are committed to providing the best guidance possible on how school districts and charter schools might improve school safety in existing facilities and in the design of new facilities - while maintaining open and positive learning environments.

### **Sustainability & Energy Efficient Building Codes**

Support legislation and look for opportunities to advance policies and building design practices that improve energy and water conservation and promote health and resiliency in every community.

### **Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) & Procurement Integrity**

Oppose attempts to weaken or eliminate QBS. Work to ensure best practices procurement for the planning, design, and construction of public sector projects at all levels of government.

### **Historic Preservation**

Support policies and programs that seek to preserve, restore, and maintain buildings significant to the history and culture of Texas, and continue to support funding for Texas' courthouse preservation program.

## MONITOR

We are watchful of legislation and issues, assessing risk of escalating our involvement and determining if or when we should act or weigh in, and we look for proactive opportunities to communicate the benefits of architecture and the value of good design.

### **Increased Liability for Design Professionals**

Monitor the effects of proposals which could have the effect of increasing liability exposure for registered architects.

### **New Professional Taxes or Expansion of Sales Tax on Architectural Services**

Oppose proposals to expand sales tax on architectural services.

### **Capital Construction Assistance Projects for Higher Education Infrastructure**

Support legislative efforts to provide funding for higher education building construction programs in communities and on campuses across Texas.