



NUCA

We Dig America

America's Utility Construction Industry

America's utility and excavation construction contractors build and maintain our nation's network of underground and environmental infrastructure. The U.S. industry is made up of small and large businesses that build and repair our nation's underground infrastructure for drinking water, sewer, natural gas, electric power, and communications systems. This massive infrastructure responsibility also includes building and repairing their secondary distribution lines and other integral components like pumping stations and water treatment facilities. The industry provides to hundreds of thousands of Americans well-paying jobs that support families and communities in every U.S. state.



Throughout the United States, there are **18,877** businesses in the utility construction industry that employ **570,952** people.

According to the most recent economic census, the utility construction industry performed over **\$152 billion** in construction work in 2017.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Economic Census, NAICS Code 2371.

The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, NUCA represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure.

We provide to our members safety and training education, business benefits, industry events, and representation on Capitol Hill and in federal regulatory agencies.

NUCA Chapters

NUCA has **30 active chapters** across the United States, in states and local regions. Our chapters provide to our member's employees a selection of local training programs and networking events, promote industry safety and workforce development programs, and advocate for more favorable state/municipal laws and regulations impacting the industry.

NUCA Advocacy Issues

NUCA's focus begins with traditional small business issues (taxes, benefits, labor, and regulatory costs), but includes proactive advocacy to encourage increased financing of critical industry markets (water/sewer/stormwater, transportation, broadband/electric power), and development of the utility construction workforce of tomorrow.

NUCA's priority issues include:

LEGISLATION

Water Infrastructure Funding

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
- Reauthorizing CWSRF/DWSRF at or above IIJA levels through FY2031
- USDA Rural Utility Services (RUS)
- Private Activity Bonds (tax-exempt bonds issued by state and local governments)
- Funding for public-private partnerships

Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- Robust federal funding for surface transportation projects
- Sustainability of the Highway Trust Fund
- Innovative funding for transportation projects

Expansion of Energy Infrastructure

- Reform and streamlining of permitting process to support "All of the Above" energy policy

Workforce Development

- Legislative action to support and encourage retaining and recruiting workers in today's utility construction industry

REGULATIONS

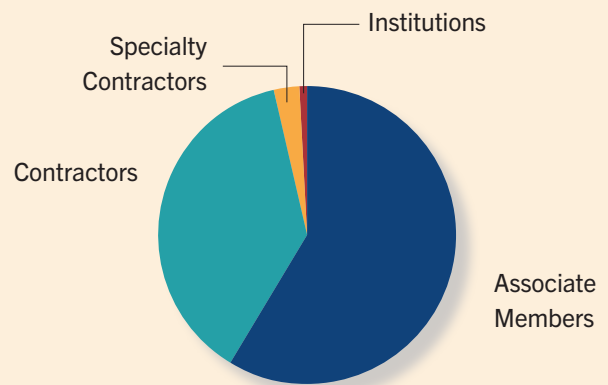
Environmental Issues

- Clarification of scope of the Clean Water Act (CWA)
- Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) and NEPA permitting regulations
- Stemming abuse of CWA 401 authority

Excavation Safety

- USDOT/PHMSA regulations related to natural gas distribution system construction
- Protection of excavator interests in federal pipeline safety legislation

NUCA Membership in 2026



Workplace Safety

- OSHA jobsite regulations
- Improving contractor safety in work zones
- Other FMCSA regulations

Taxes

- Business tax reforms (reauthorize R&D tax credit, bonus depreciation, and interest deductibility)
- Estate and capital gains tax reforms

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COALITION PARTICIPATION

- Clean Water Council (*NUCA Chair*)
- Common Ground Alliance
- Transportation Construction Coalition
- Construction Industry Safety Coalition
- Family Business Coalition
- Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
- *Ad hoc* coalition working on FMCSA HOS regulations
- Infrastructure Protection Coalition
- LIBERTY Campaign (*immigration reform*)
- Permit America to Build Campaign
- Workzone Safety Coalition
- *Ad hoc* Water Infrastructure Funding Coalition

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