

Minnesota ASA Receives Advocacy Grant

ASA-MN has been awarded a \$10,000 advocacy grant from the national ASA office. ASA national established the Subcontractors Advocacy Grant program to give ASA State chapters seed money for a new government advocacy program or legislative initiative on a key subcontractor issue. The objective is to help association chapters establish an effective local government advocacy program.

We established a Government Affairs Committee earlier this year to direct our legislative and other government/regulatory efforts. Early on we determined that the steps involved in completing the application were a good course to follow in determining priorities and establishing an action plan for the future. This process led to our hire of Remi Stone as a lobbyist. Remi assisted with the grant application as did President John Lloyd, members Aaron Dean, Curt Smith, Jennifer Sahler and Executive Director Mike Schmaltz.

We will continue to work with the CBRC as we strive to make real change in the business environment for subcontractors. See Remi's article for additional details on plans for the upcoming session.