



To the Pinellas County Commission:

As the President/CEO of the Associated Builders & Contractors, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, we fully support and urge your attention and consideration to allow progressive or construction draws on commercial projects using C-PACE.

C-PACE is a wonderful financial incentive or motivational financial tool for commercial users to upgrade or replace old equipment and structures to improve their energy efficiency. This is a proven and sound process of a public-private partnership that occurs every day through 225 participating jurisdictions in the state of Florida. We strongly feel Pinellas County's lack of progressive payments is a fatal flaw - only found in Pinellas County.

As all of us at the local, State and Federal levels are looking to provide incentives and ways to more efficiently address and improve environmental impact issues. C-PACE, with progressive payments, provides an outstanding and proven path to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

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