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5/20/2016 – U.S. House Fails to Pass PLA Amendment

The U.S. House of Representatives had an opportunity to go on the record “officially” in opposition to the Administration’s preference to make PLAs required on federal contracts (see, E.O. 13502), but came up short. In a dramatic (209-216) vote, an amendment, which mirrored language offered as the principles of the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act (H.R. 1671/S.71), failed. CIRT joined an ABC lead coalition of construction and business associations that supported Rep. Scott Perry’s (R-Pa.) amendment ensuring fair and open competition for federal construction contracts funded by the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs (MilCon/VA) Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2017 (H.R. 4974). This subject was a topic of discussion at CIRT’s spring conference, in particular during the Government Relations Committee meeting. While disappointed in the outcome, the coalition will continue build on the vote – which has educated more members on this issue.