NDA Urges Congress to Support Demolition Priorities in Appropriations Bill

Earlier this week, NDA sent a <u>letter</u> to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees urging Congress to support priorities that will boost the demolition industry and small businesses in the fiscal year (FY) 2023 appropriations bill. Congress must pass appropriations legislation by Sept. 30 in order to avert a government shutdown. NDA urged Congress to prioritize the following programs in the FY 2023 appropriations bill:

- Workforce Development;
- Infrastructure;
- EPA Brownfields Cleanup;
- Disaster Recovery;
- Community Development Block Grants; and
- Small Business Relief.

While it appears that Congress will pass a short-term continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government at current levels through mid-December, NDA will continue to lobby Congress on the demolition industry's funding priorities.

SBA Announces Inaugural Small Business Cyber Summit

This week, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and announced that the agency will host a free, virtual National Cyber Summit on Oct. 26, 2022. This cybersecurity forum, a first for the agency, will help introduce American small businesses to tools, tips, and resources to bolster their cybersecurity infrastructure in addition to exploring new trends and challenges entrepreneurs are increasingly facing.

The inaugural summit will feature various speakers, including SBA Administrator Guzman, SBA Associate Administrator Madrid, SBA Resource Partners, Small Business Development Centers, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), FBI, business chambers, state government partners, experts from the public/private sectors, major technology platforms, and award-winning business coaches.

Registration for the event is open to all and free. Sign up at www.bit.ly/SBACyberSummit.

IRS Updates Guidance on Work Opportunity Tax Credit

The IRS recently updated information on the <u>Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)</u>, available to employers that hire designated categories of workers who face significant barriers to employment. For employers facing a tight job market, the WOTC may be able to help.

The updates include information on the pre-screening and certification process. To satisfy the requirement to pre-screen a job applicant, on or before the day a job offer is made, a pre-screening notice (<u>Form 8850</u>, <u>Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit</u>) must be completed by the job applicant and the employer.

After pre-screening a job applicant, the employer must then request certification by submitting <u>Form</u> 8850 to the appropriate state workforce agency no later than 28 days after the employee begins work. Other requirements and further details can be found in the instructions to Form 8850.