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### **NASBP LOBBYIST CHOSEN AS A 2023 TOP LOBBYIST BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LOBBYING AND ETHICS**

**Bethesda, MD**—Larry LeClair, the [National Association of Surety Bond Producers \(NASBP\)](http://www.nasbp.org) Director of Government Relations, has been chosen as a 2023 top lobbyist by the [National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics \(NILE\)](http://www.nile.org), a non-partisan organization committed to fostering ethical lobbying practices and promoting the highest standards of professionalism in the lobbying profession. NASBP is a national trade association headquartered in Bethesda, MD, serving a membership of firms employing licensed surety bond producers.

LeClair is grateful to be recognized for his work. "I am honored to represent firms and individuals who specialize in providing surety bonds, an essential product dedicated to public construction projects for general contractors and subcontractors. As a professional lobbyist representing the surety industry, it gives me tremendous professional pride knowing I am educating federal policy decision-makers about the critical role surety bonds play in our nation's economy for construction and in the commercial surety marketplace as well as the important protection surety bonds provide to U.S. taxpayers," he said.

LeClair, who has been a lobbyist for NASBP for 15 years, has a track record of success in obtaining legislative victories for NASBP and the surety and construction industries. NASBP CEO Mark McCallum said, "Though Larry is receiving specific recognition for his lobbying efforts undertaken in 2023, especially around raising awareness of the merits of surety bonding for broadband infrastructure projects, this is just the latest part of the outstanding body of work Larry has performed over the years." McCallum related that LeClair helped ensure the passing of legislation that requires individual sureties to furnish legitimate assets to the federal government for federal construction contracts and worked to see legislation that removes periodic review and increases to the federal Miller Act based on inflation.

LeClair's work to create a standing congressional caucus, which is dedicated to assisting members of Congress with questions about federal construction procurement procedures, continues to be an effective and important way the surety industry educates members of congress about important issues.

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NILE selected LeClair because he has demonstrated outstanding innovation, thought leadership, positive peer review, and participation in pro bono services or community.

LeClair will be recognized for his work at a NILE awards reception held on November 16 on Capitol Hill, where NILE will present LeClair the 2023 Top Lobbyist challenge coin that reflects success and commitment to the highest ethical standards.

*Founded in 1942, the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP), <https://www.nasbp.org/home>, is the association of and resource for surety bond producers and allied professionals. NASBP members specialize in providing surety bonds for construction contracts and other purposes to companies and individuals needing the assurance offered by surety bonds.*

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