

Iowa Construction Advocate Team



Independent Advocates for Your Board / Superintendent Team

With the passing of the Statewide Penny, it falls upon all of us as the guardians of the funds to make sure that we stretch those dollars to help Iowa students achieve at the highest levels possible. IASB has created the Iowa Construction Advocate Team (ICAT) to help share technical expertise and improve accountability.

No matter the size of your district, ICAT can help you take advantage of these funds to create the best possible learning environment in your schools. The objective of ICAT is to ensure that every penny is spent improving the learning environments shared by our teachers and students.

ICAT offers services throughout all phases of construction, from developing your Revenue Purpose Statement through your final walk-through.

FACILITIES EVALUATION SERVICE

An initial Facilities Evaluation by ICAT can begin to help your district determine the course of action that will best utilize your construction dollars and will include:

- Facility tour and evaluation
- Review of capital improvement plans
- Review of preventive and long-term maintenance plans
- Consult with superintendent, stakeholders, and other key personnel
- Full report of findings and recommendations, presented to the board at your request

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Assistance with selecting architects and other construction professionals
- Construction site and schedule evaluation, problem solving, and recommendations
- Maintenance Schedule development assistance
- Assistance in establishing Revenue Purpose Statements
- Guidance on soliciting qualified contractors for competitive bids
- Guidance with cash flow management, costs, and tools
- Assistance in determining bonding and finance capacities
- Reports to community and stakeholder groups/meetings
- Assistance in architectural plan, costs and constructability reviews
- Facilitate value engineering sessions
- Review contractor and district safety programs

For more information, please visit at www.ia-sb.org under "Business Services." Questions? Please contact Paul Kruse at pkruise@ia-sb.org or 1-800-269-2363.



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