



**James (Jim) W. Elmer
Chairman-Elect
Associated Builders and Contractors**

James (Jim) W. Elmer, founder and president of James W. Elmer Construction Co., Spokane, Wash., began his term as chairman-elect for Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) January 1, 2009.

He previously served as ABC's Region 1 vice chairman. Region 1 includes members and chapters in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Elmer has been involved with ABC since 1986, and has served as chairman of several committees, including the Government Affairs Coordinating Committee. In addition, he has served as a member of ABC's board of directors, the Legislative Committee and as a PAC trustee. In 1998, ABC presented him with the National Grassroots Member of the Year Award.

On the chapter level, Elmer served as 1991 chairman of ABC's Inland Pacific Chapter. In 1998, the chapter awarded him the Bo Engstrom Award for his extraordinary service.

Elmer's 38 years of construction experience includes working on several heavy industrial construction projects involving fossil fuel and nuclear power plants. He worked on the third power house expansion at Grand Coulee Dam and the Alaska pipeline project in Prudhoe Bay. In 1990, Elmer incorporated James W. Elmer Construction Co., which specializes in design-build commercial, light industrial, multifamily and tenant improvement projects. Prior to that, he spent five years as partner and president of a dual shop general contracting firm.

In 1970, Elmer received his bachelor's degree in construction management from Washington State University.

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