



Frequently Asked Questions About LuDPAC

What is LuDPAC?

The National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) created the Lumber Dealers Political Action Committee (LuDPAC) over two decades ago with the mission of helping to elect candidates to Congress who understand and can positively address the issues that impact our industry.

Under federal law, NLBMDA is prohibited from using its general treasury funds to make contributions in connection with federal elections. However, NLBMDA is permitted to form a political action committee (PAC) to provide NLBMDA's members with the opportunity to legally and ethically participate in federal election activities. Federal PACs like LuDPAC are registered with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and must adhere to FEC regulations.

Who can contribute to LuDPAC?

Participation in LuDPAC is open to the employees, stockholders, and families of all NLBMDA member companies who have granted authorization to LuDPAC to solicit them. All PAC contributions must be voluntary and made using personal (not corporate) funds. Corporate contributions are prohibited.

Who decides which candidates receive contributions?

LuDPAC is governed by a board of trustees composed of individuals from NLBMDA member companies who develop criteria for candidate contributions (e.g. voting record, committee assignments, etc) and make funding decisions based on that criteria and available resources. LuDPAC is bi-partisan and determines candidates' eligibility for PAC funds based on their past legislative performance and support for policies that impact lumber dealers. LuDPAC contributors are welcomed to suggest candidates for support.

Why should I join LuDPAC?

NLBMDA's success in Washington helps you protect the success of your business. Practically every day, new legislation or regulations are introduced that could help or harm your business. LuDPAC provides critical funding to help elect candidates who support the advocacy agenda of NLBMDA. LuDPAC boosts NLBMDA's already robust advocacy program by enhancing relationships with key decision makers and gives you an active and unified voice in the political process.

LuDPAC also provides benefits to the industry as a whole. LuDPAC leverages and multiplies the industry's financial stake in the political process. LuDPAC contributions increase the industry's visibility and access to candidates who need to understand and care about our views on legislative and regulatory policies. LuDPAC also increases the industry's political credibility as a way to hold lawmakers accountable for their actions.

A financially strong LuDPAC boosts NLBMDA's grassroots, communications, and public-policy programs to counter the well-coordinated and well-funded activities of opposition groups. LuDPAC's campaign contributions are hand-delivered at small, selective events with key

elected officials. All events are significant because we're meeting with policy makers and we always address the issues that directly impact you, such as energy conservation and the environment, building codes, and tax policy.

If every member of NLBMDA contributed just \$100 to LuDPAC, its political clout would surpass that of all other industry PACs.

How Does Contributing to LuDPAC Benefit Me?

Politicians in Washington make decisions *every day* that can help or hurt our livelihoods. It's politically smart to get involved to protect the health and security of our jobs by making sure politicians know the impact of the decisions they make. LuDPAC encourages its members to maintain an awareness of legislative and political issues, as well as candidates that affect our industry and our company.

There is strength in numbers! LuDPAC gives us a collective voice in the political process. Many of us support candidates individually. When a broad base of NLBMDA members, pool their resources together and contribute to a candidate, however, it's as though our entire industry is speaking with one voice.

We need to be able to educate politicians about our issues. They cannot possibly stay on top of every single issue, so it is important that we help them.

Every dollar you contribute goes directly to candidates; it is not used for any lobbying activities or administrative expenses. You'll be helping LuDPAC reach its goals.

You'll receive "insider" information about candidates for office, which candidates deserve our support, which PACs are giving to whom, and more. You'll also have the opportunity to attend events and deliver LuDPAC checks at events back home, thereby giving you an opportunity to get to know lawmakers. PAC supporters will also receive invitations to special VIP events and recognition!

Your involvement will make a difference. It's a convenient and effective way to create positive change for our industry!

How can I learn more about LuDPAC?

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