



# Illinois Department of Transportation

## Memorandum

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To: Omer Osman, Secretary

From: Masood Ahmad, P.E., Region 2 Engineer

Subject: FAI 57 From 0.7 mile south of the Buckley Interchange to 2.0 miles south of IL 54, Contract Number 66H63, Iroquois County

Date: December 17, 2021

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In accordance with the Project Labor Agreement Act (30 ILCS 571), it is recommended that a project labor agreement (PLA) be utilized for the above-captioned Project. This recommendation is based on the considerations indicated below.

- 1) The Project is being awarded and administered by IDOT (i.e., not by another governmental agency).
- 2) The Project is being constructed using state or local funds only (i.e., no federal funds).
- 3) The overall size, scope, sequencing, logistics or other aspects of the Project make it particularly challenging to manage, and use of a PLA is expected to help assure that the construction work is performed properly and efficiently under the circumstances.
- 4) The duration of construction activity on the Project is expected to exceed one construction season (i.e., 110 or more working days), or the nature of the Project results in a heightened need for labor force continuity and stability over a substantial period of time.
- 5) There is a firm construction completion date established for the Project thereby increasing the adverse consequences of any work stoppage or other labor disruption.
- 6) The time required to complete the Project is expected to extend beyond the expiration date of one or more existing collective bargaining agreements covering trades likely to be involved in the Project, thereby increasing the likelihood of work stoppage(s) or other labor disruption(s) during construction of the Project.

7) In the absence of a PLA, there is an increased likelihood of jurisdictional disputes among unions or of conflict between unionized and non-unionized workers on the Project that could have a potentially material adverse effect on the time, cost, or quality of work performed on the Project.

8) This project presents specific safety concerns to the traveling public and a PLA, will ensure labor force continuity and stability, decreasing the length of the safety concern.

9) Use of a PLA is expected to result in improved access to skilled labor, improved efficiency, or improved safety performance on the Project.

10) Use of a PLA on the Project is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the competitive bidding process.

11) Use of a PLA on the Project is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Department to achieve other Departmental goals (e.g., utilization of disadvantaged businesses, utilization of Illinois domiciled businesses, development of competitive vendor alternatives over time, etc.).

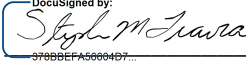
12) There are other material considerations favoring or disfavoring use of a PLA on this Project as follows:

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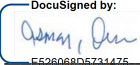
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Based upon the identified considerations, we recommend that you approve use of a PLA on this Project. Upon your approval, the Department shall undertake to negotiate in good faith a PLA with the relevant labor organization(s), and shall include in all necessary bid specifications and other documents information regarding the actual or form of PLA that is to binding upon all contractors and their employees.

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Jack Elston, Bureau of Design & Environment (Date)

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Masood Ahmad, P.E., Region 2 Engineer (Date)

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Omer Osman, Secretary (Date)

FHWA concurrence in the PLA for the above-mentioned contract

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Division Administrator FHWA (Date)

Attachment A:

Justification for the use of a Project Labor Agreement for Contract 66H63 within Iroquois County. The use of a Project Labor Agreement on this project is consistent with all state and local statutory requirements.

The work involves the resurfacing of both directions of I-57 from 0.7 mile south of the Buckley Interchange to 2.0 miles south of IL 54 Iroquois County. Also included in the project is underdrains, guardrail improvements, and roadside safety improvements. Federal Project Number: 2DQR(624)

Item 3:

The programmed project cost is \$17,500,000. The use of a PLA is recommended to ensure the project is completed as coordinated with stakeholders. Any disruption to the contractor's schedule due to labor issues may result in delays which would extend the project past the end of the construction season.

Item 4:

The project is estimated to take 100 working days. The work to be completed includes drainage improvements, pipe underdrain replacement, guardrail replacement and mainline pavement milling and resurfacing. Coordination between the various contractor work efforts to ensure work continuity will require a stable work force.

Item 8:

The proposed work will include safety enhancements such as the improvement of the roadway surface, new guardrail, and new pavement markings. Additionally, during construction the presence of slowed or stopped traffic on the interstate is a safety concern due to the increased probability of a high severity crash. Any disruption to the contractor's schedule due to labor issues may result in additional hardship to the traveling public because of additional time they will be exposed to construction roadway traffic control.

The trades that will be used on this project include but are not limited to the following: Laborers, Carpenters, Operators, Cement Finishers, and Teamsters.

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Laborers Local         | 751                           |
| Operators Local        | 841 Expires 12/31/2021        |
| Teamster Local         | 179                           |
| Cement Finishers Local | 11 Area 037 Expires 5/31/2023 |
| Carpenters             | 174                           |

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Omer Osman, Secretary

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**Illinois AFL-CIO Statewide Project Labor Agreement Committee, representing the  
Unions listed below:**

  
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List Unions:



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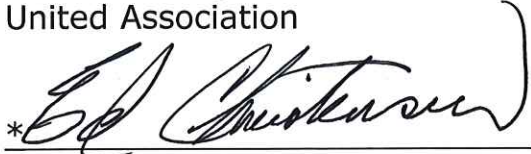
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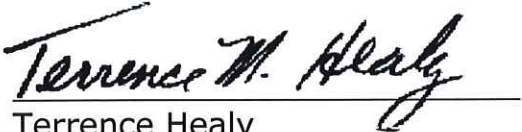
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Eric S. Davis  
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\*Elevator Constructors master agreement language  
must be attached to PLA