

**IDOT PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT DETERMINATION**

To: Omer Osman, Secretary

From: Kirk Brown, Region 5 Engineer

Date: 10/8/2024

Re: I-57, Contract Number 78483, Jefferson County

Reconstruction of the I-57/I-64 and IL 15 interchange in Mt. Vernon from a Diamond to a Diverging Diamond interchange.

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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.

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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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**ATTACHMENT A:**

This project is located at the existing Federal Aid Interstate 57/64 (I-57/64) interchange with Illinois Route 15 (IL 15) on the west side of the City of Mount Vernon in Jefferson County, Illinois, and includes reconstruction of the IL 15 roadway from Potomac Boulevard / 45<sup>th</sup> Street to 44<sup>th</sup> Street for a project length of 2,912 feet (0.55 miles).

The proposed project includes reconstruction of the existing I-57/64 and IL 15 diamond interchange configuration to a diverging diamond interchange configuration along with the replacement of the IL 15 grade separation structure and reconstruction of the associated IL 15 approaches and ramps. Other IL 15 roadway intersections improved besides the interchange ramps in this project include Potomac Boulevard / 45<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Improvements include PCC pavement on granular sub-base, PCC shoulders, concrete curb and gutter, concrete medians, sidewalk, entrances, traffic signals, inlets, manholes, storm sewer, culverts, erosion control, earthwork and grading, pavement marking, highway lighting, signs and sign trusses, aesthetic treatments and lighting on the proposed bridge, and landscaping. This project also includes traffic signal improvements at the intersections of Veterans Memorial Drive with the I-57/64 interchange ramps.

Programmed amount is \$45,000,000

#3: The IL 15 interchange is the major east-west connector between commercial areas in Mt. Vernon. An average of over 25,000 vehicles cross the IL 15 interchange bridge each day. This project will involve multiple stages and construction seasons. Work related to this project will be accelerated to minimize conflicts to the travelling public.

#4 – This project is expected to exceed one construction season.

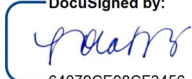
Completion date: November 1, 2027 + 15 working days.

#6 - Laborers 1197 exp 3-31-25  
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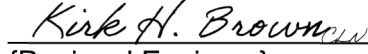
#8 – In order to maintain traffic during construction, detours, lane closures, lane shifts, narrow lanes, narrow shoulders and uneven pavement will all be required. Due to the high traffic volumes these temporary conditions, while necessary during construction, pose a safety hazard to the traveling public. This hazard can be mitigated by minimizing the time that these temporary conditions are in place.

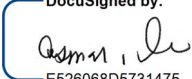
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Based upon the identified considerations, we recommend that you approve use of a PLA on this Project. Upon your approval, the Department shall undertake to negotiate in good faith a PLA with the relevant labor organization(s), and shall include in 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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{Division Chief} (Date)

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{Bureau of Design & Environment} (Date)

Agreed:  10/9/2024  
{Regional Engineer} (Date)

Approved:  12/27/2024 | 5:04 PM CST  
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Omer Osman, Secretary (Date)


FHWA concurrence in the PLA for the above-mentioned contract

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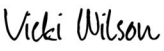
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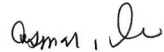
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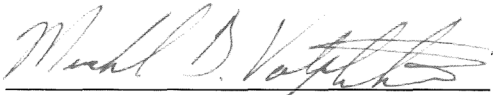
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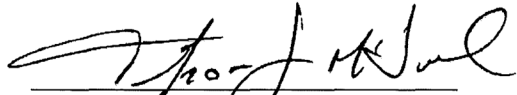
**Illinois AFL-CIO Statewide Project Labor Agreement Committee, representing the Unions listed below:**




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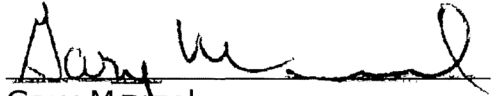
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Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied  
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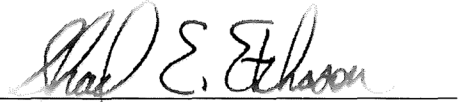
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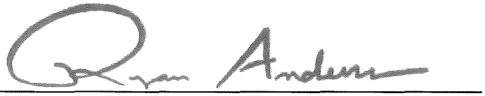
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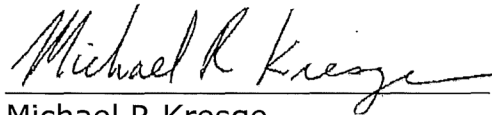
\*Ed Christensen  
Elevator Constructors



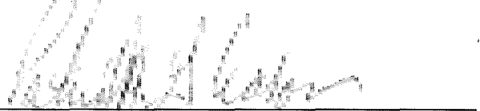
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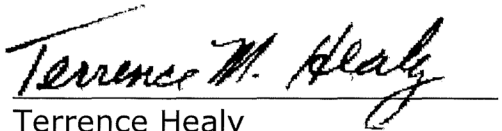
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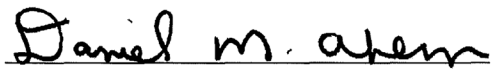
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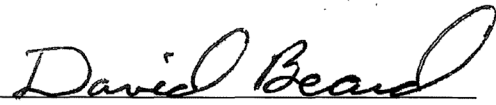
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Iron Workers



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Boilermakers



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OPCMIA

\*Elevator Constructors master agreement language  
must be attached to PLA