

**IDOT PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT DETERMINATION**

To: Erica J Borggren, Acting Secretary  
From: Omer Osman, Director  
Date: September 8, 2014  
Re: FAI 72 (I 72), Contract Number, 72B54, Sangamon County

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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.

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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.

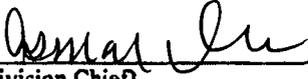
10) Use of a PLA on the Project is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the competitive bidding process.

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 )

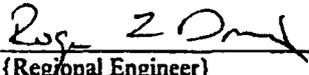
12) There are other material considerations favoring or disfavoring use of a PLA on this Project as follows:

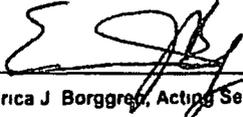
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Based upon the identified considerations, we recommend that you approve use of a PLA on this Project. Upon your approval, the Department shall undertake to negotiate in good faith a PLA with the relevant labor organization(s), and shall include in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

Agreed:  11/12/14  
(Division Chief) (Date)

Agreed:  10/29/14  
(Bureau of Design & Environment) (Date)

Agreed:  10-16-14  
(Regional Engineer) (Date)

Approved:  11/14/14  
Erica J. Borggren, Acting Secretary 1 (Date)

FHWA concurrence in the PLA for the above mentioned contract



By Sarah Kurmann,  
Executive Assistant

Thomas G. Echikson	10/14/2014
FHWA Chief Counsel	(see 10/9 approval memo re 72B54)

## Attachment A

### **Justification for use of Project Labor Agreement on Contract No. 72B54, Sangamon County.**

The use of a Project Labor Agreement on this project is consistent with all State and Local statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Item 2:** The project is both *state* and *federally* funded.

**Item 3:** The estimate cost for this project is \$20,000,000.

This project consists of patching, milling and resurfacing 13.3 miles of I-72 mainline pavement as well as two interchanges. Additionally, minor repairs and resurfacing will occur on mainline and overhead bridge structures along the project limits.

Any disruption in the continuity of this project due to the labor issues would result in delayed deadlines that would cause safety concerns for the traveling public. It is the Illinois Department of Transportation's finding that the large skilled workforce needed for this project can be provided by the union trades involved and is a necessary requirement for a Project Labor Agreement.

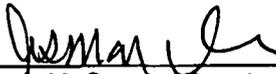
**Item 5:** The project has an October 1, 2015 completion date. Construction of the project is not anticipated to take place over multiple construction seasons.

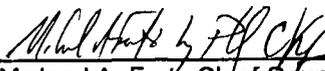
**Item 8:** Any disruption to the contractor's schedule due to labor issues may present safety concerns to the motoring public. Traffic control left in place for an extended period of time, especially over the winter months, may contribute to additional exposure to crashes through the work zone, due to the inherent risk of driver inattention to lane changes, etc. that will be in place during stage construction.

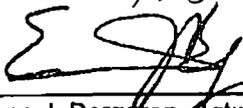
**Item 12:** The various trades that may be used on the project include Laborers, Operators and Teamsters.

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Illinois Department of Transportation

  
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Omer M. Osman, Director of Highways

  
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Michael A. Fort, Chief Counsel

  
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Erica J. Borggren, Acting Secretary

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By Sarah Kurmann,  
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Illinois AFL-CIO Statewide Project Labor Agreement Committee, representing the  
local unions listed below:

  
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(Date)

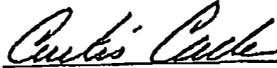
List Union Locals:



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Bricklayers



Terry Lynch  
Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied  
Workers



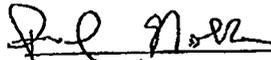
Curtis Cade  
United Association



Richard Mathis  
Roofers

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Ed Christensen, Elevator  
Constructors



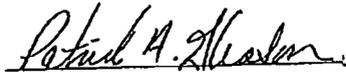
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IBEW



Terry Fitzmaurice  
Painters



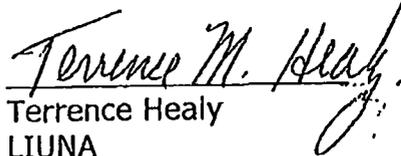
Robert Paddock  
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Pat Gleason  
Teamsters



Gary Perlnar Jr.  
Carpenters



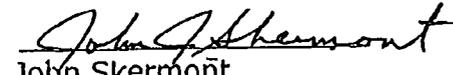
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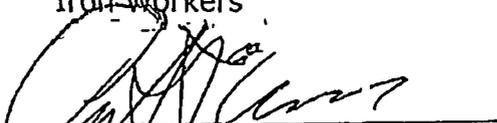
Brian Mulheran  
Sheet Metal Workers



David Beard  
Iron Workers



John Skermont  
Boilermakers



Patrick J. LaCassa  
OPCMIA

\*only if Elevator Constructors master agreement  
language is attached to PLA