



## Delaware LECET

### Delaware LECET Helps Laborers, Contractors Gain Marketing Traction

Delaware LECET helped secure responsible contracting language in a state bond bill financing the planned \$1-billion Highway 301 project, the largest public works project in the state's history. As a result, Laborers and their signatory contractors are well positioned to win work on the project.

Delaware LECET worked with allies in the state legislature to insert language in the project's bond bill that requires contractors to meet apprenticeship, safety, bonding, local hire, prevailing wage compliance, and other standards. The fund got involved at the start of efforts to pass the bond bill, building relationships and good will by generating support for the bonding measure, alerting the Governor to sources of private financing, and mobilizing Laborers to support the project at public hearings. Delaware LECET also helped fight off four separate last-minute attempts to strip the responsible contracting language from the bond bill.

Now that the bond bill has passed with its responsible contracting language intact, Delaware LECET has begun marketing Laborers and their signatory contractors to state officials and other decision makers. The affiliate hopes to use the bond bill and the Highway 301 project to demonstrate the benefits of responsible contracting language on this and other projects, as part of its ongoing efforts to increase Laborers' Heavy/Highway market share throughout the state.

### OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Lobbied the state legislature for substantial increases in school construction and infrastructure funding.
- Sponsored a land-use study with the Delaware Chamber of Commerce, Delaware Public Policy Institute, and Delawareans for Economic and Environmental Development to support construction-friendly changes to state and local planning and zoning codes.
- Worked with the New Castle County Council to promote a \$400-million sewer rehabilitation program that will be bid under responsible contracting guidelines.



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