



## Iowa LECET

### Iowa LECET Uses Project Labor Agreements to Expand Market Share

After Iowa Governor Chet Culver signed an executive order encouraging the use of project labor agreements (PLAs) on state-funded projects valued at \$25 million or more, Iowa LECET helped Laborers and their signatory contractors win work on four major projects worth more than \$380 million. The governor issued the executive order in February, after a concerted campaign on behalf of PLAs launched by Iowa LECET, Iowa Laborers and their signatory contractors, and other Iowa building trades unions.

Iowa LECET worked to win project labor agreements on several public works projects that will employ more than 200 Laborers at their peak, including:

- The \$90-million Iowa Veterans' Home
- A \$73-million addition to the University of Iowa hospital
- Two prison projects worth a total of \$220 million

Armed with the new executive order, Iowa LECET continues to promote project labor agreements to state agencies and contracting authorities as a way to ensure quality construction, fair competition, and decent wages and benefits.



### OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Helped signed several out-of-state, non-union contractors to Laborers' agreements covering their work in Iowa.
- Worked with Laborers' Local Unions in Iowa and Nebraska to increase LIUNA signatory contractor participation in federal prevailing wage surveys.
- Launched a statewide fair contracting program to ensure that LIUNA signatory contractors can compete on a level playing field.



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