

**Board of County Commissioners
Morris County, New Jersey**

RES-2021-909

Adopted: October 27, 2021

WHEREAS, the County of Morris has a compelling interest in assuring that public works projects meet the highest standards of safety, workmanship and quality at the lowest reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that the County of Morris award contracts for public works projects to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, where "responsible" means a bidder has the ability to complete the contract in accordance with the contract's requirements pertaining to experience, moral integrity, operating capacity, financial capacity, credit and workforce, equipment and facilities availability; and

WHEREAS, a Project Labor Agreement, which is a form of pre-hire collective bargaining agreement covering all terms and conditions of a specific project, can assist a public entity in ensuring that the highest standards of quality and efficiency, at the lowest responsible cost, are utilized on appropriate public projects; and

WHEREAS, Project Labor Agreements provide the County of Morris with a guarantee that public works projects will be completed with highly skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, Project Labor Agreements provide for peaceful, orderly and mutually binding procedures for resolving labor issues without labor disruption; and

WHEREAS, the use of Project Labor Agreements can be of specific benefit for complex construction projects in excess of 5,000,000.00 and is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:38-1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Morris in the State of New Jersey endorses the use of a Project Labor Agreement on a project-by-project basis, where it has been determined by the administration that such an agreement advances the County's interests of costs, efficiency, quality, safety, timeliness, skilled labor force, and labor stability.

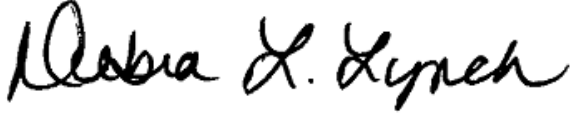
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that where it has been determined that a Project Labor Agreement is appropriate for a particular public works project the County department, which is responsible for implementing the project, shall either (a) in good faith negotiate a Project Labor Agreement through the Office of the County Administrator or (b) condition the award of a project manager or general contractor upon a requirement that such manager or contractor negotiate in good faith a Project labor Agreement with labor organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Project Labor Agreement with the County shall include, but not limited to, the provisions set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:38-5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and is intended to have prospective effect only.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Deborah Smith, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Douglas R. Cabana, Commissioner
AYES:	Shaw, Smith, Cabana, DeFillippo, Krickus, Selen
ABSENT:	Mastrangelo

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Morris at a regular meeting on October 27, 2021.



Debra L. Lynch, Clerk of the Board