



Construction Industry Round Table

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07/24/2018 – Design/Construction Industry Group Seeks Repeal of Obama Era PLA Requirements

A diverse group of construction and business associations (including CIRT) requested President Trump rescind President Obama's Executive Order 13502 and replace it with other existing EO's that prevent federal agencies and state and local government recipients of federal assistance from requiring contractors to sign PLA's as a condition of winning a federal or federally assisted construction contracts. ([See, Coalition letter for details](#)). The more flexible approach allowing parties to decide on use of a PLA has already been upheld in the highest courts of the land and would allow federal agencies to award contracts to contractors that voluntarily enter into PLAs without government interference, an industry practice permitted by the National Labor Relations Act. Moreover, a total of 24 states—23 since 2011—have passed similar measures allowing the free market—not the government—to determine if a PLA is appropriate for a construction project.