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12/03/2015 – State-by-State Data on Mandatory PLA’s Requirements Available **[RESOURCE]**

ABC announced on December 2nd, the launch of “*Building America: The Merit Shop Scorecard.*” The initiative provides a state-by-state look at construction industry environments around the country. One of the policy categories graded for each of the 50 states and Washington, DC was government-mandated PLAs. Check it out at: meritshopscorecard.org.

CIRT is not opposed to PLAs, but rather questions the need and appropriateness of “mandated” or “heavily favored” use of them by government agencies as a “one size fits all” approach to design/construction contracting. [Currently, 22 states have passed laws or EOs restricting government-mandated PLAs for state and state-assisted projects (20 of these states have taken this action since President Obama’s pro-PLA EO on federal and federally assisted construction contracts was issued in 2009)].