

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-02

RESOLUTION to Support Project Labor Agreements for Military Construction Projects

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is an industry-driven public organization comprised of representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB is a public organization that is accountable through its members and staff to the residents, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB shall act as the lead state planning and coordinating entity for state programs involving employment training, vocational education, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be building numerous military construction projects at Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Greely, Fort Wainwright, Clear Air Force Station, and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson valued at more than \$560 million between Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB recognizes the criticality of completing these military construction projects on time, for national security reasons, and notes that Alaska contractors and construction workers are the most qualified to complete these complex projects; and

WHEREAS, use of non-resident contractors and construction workers would put at risk timely completion of these projects, and would negatively impact Alaska's labor market, workforce development programs, and undermine the state's Alaska Hire priorities; and

WHEREAS the AWIB recognizes that many veterans are uniquely suited to support military construction efforts, and encourages U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hire veteran contractors and construction workers; and

WHEREAS, Members of Alaska's Congressional Delegation already have written to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support use of Project Labor Agreements and use of Alaska Hire for these projects; and

WHEREAS, Project Labor Agreements have a long and venerable history on projects ranging from the Trans-Alaska Pipeline to the Kennedy Space Center; and

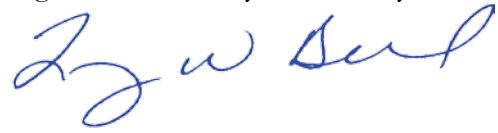
WHEREAS, Project Labor Agreements ensure that construction projects will meet the state's workforce development objectives of Alaska Hire and registered federal apprenticeship utilization;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AWIB urges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to use Project Labor Agreements or policies to accomplish the same workforce development objectives for as many military construction projects as possible, with the goals of completing those projects on time and under budget by using skilled Alaska contractors and Alaska construction workers.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, and convened this 16th day of February, 2017 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Signed this 16th day of February, 2017.



Larry Bell, Chair

Alaska Workforce Investment Board