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Labor-Management Group Counters ABC's Anti-PLA Claims

Most in the union sector grudgingly admit that ABC has done an excellent job communicating its arguments against project labor agreements (PLAs) to all levels of government, school boards and other groups.

Most also admit that organized construction has done a poor job of countering the open shop's attacks.

Now comes a signatory group that developed its own strategy to promote PLA use. It is the Rhode Island 21st Century Labor Management Partnership in Providence.

The first step of many pro-PLA actions it is implementing is an effective Power Point presentation to influence various audiences.

The presentation stresses a host of benefits it claims PLA users will derive

from employing union signatories — the prime one being a highly trained, highly skilled workforce.

To help make its case, the Partnership cites 16 public and 23 private projects in the state where PLAs "have been successfully utilized."

To support its "better safety record" arguments, the Partnership offers OSHA statistics for the state that reveal non-union contractors were cited for 754 violations over a three-and-a-half year period compared to 162 for union employers.

The above are only a few highlights of the presentation. However, the group's executive director, Greg Mancini told COCKSHAW's he "has no problem" sharing more details with our readers.

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