

DUTCHESS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PREVAILING WAGE POLICY

The Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (DCIDA) was formed pursuant to the New York State Industrial Development Act for the purpose of creating and promoting the economic welfare of and employment opportunities for the residents of Dutchess County. The DCIDA is authorized by the Act to enter into agreements making benefits available to qualified applicants in order to facilitate the location or the expansion of businesses or facilities in Dutchess County. The DCIDA has been a part of numerous projects which have resulted in the creation, expansion or retention of jobs in Dutchess County. In every single instance the use of local labor has been encouraged and in virtually all cases local labor, contractors, suppliers and supplies have been used.

The use of local labor for DCIDA projects has been encouraged since the inception of the DCIDA. Construction jobs, although limited in duration, are vital to the employment of Dutchess County and regional residents. The DCIDA as a matter of policy has encouraged in every instance the use of local contractors and professionals during the construction phase of building projects. This helps to assure that the DCIDA generates significant benefits to advance Dutchess County's economic stability and growth.

The DCIDA has never adopted a specific wage policy and sees no need to do so at this time. Virtually all prior and present projects that have used the DCIDA have used local and regional labor and continue to do so. The success of the current policy is evidence by the hundreds of millions of dollars in bonds having been issued by various public companies and private institutions and millions of dollars in grants distributed by the DCIDA and the resulting construction of hundreds of millions of dollars in new facilities in Dutchess County over the years. The success of our current policy would suggest that there would be no benefit in changing the current policy at this time.

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