



LOCAL ACCESS POLICY

In absence of a waiver permitting otherwise, every project seeking the assistance of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (Agency) must use local general contractors, sub-contractors and labor for one-hundred percent (100%) of the construction of new, expanded, or renovated facilities. The project's construction or project manager need not be a local company.

All projects of the Agency will be subject to monitoring by the Agency. Noncompliance may result in the revoking and/or recapture of all benefits extended to the project by the Agency.

Definitions

Local Labor is defined as laborers permanently residing in the State of New York counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins and Wayne.

Local (Sub) Contractor is defined as a contractor operating a permanent office in the State of New York counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins and Wayne.

Waivers

The Agency may determine on a case-by-case basis to waive the local access policy for a project or for a portion of a project where consideration of warranty issues, necessity of specialized skills, significant cost differentials between local and non-local services or other compelling circumstances exist. Should a company require a waiver of the local access policy, the Board requests that the company make good faith efforts to use New York based companies prior to reaching outside the state for services.

Waiver Process

The project Applicant will submit in writing a request for a waiver to the Executive Director of the Agency. Said request will clearly and comprehensively explain and reliably verify the need for the waiver. The company shall then provide proof to the Executive Director of diligent efforts to secure labor within the local labor area. The company must provide proof directly from local companies that the labor is not available in the local labor area. The Executive Director will submit the verified waiver request to the Board Chair and the agency attorney for review and shall approve or disapprove waivers.