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8/18/09 – OMB Reported to be Considering Extending Comment Period on PLA Rulemaking

Reports are circulating in Washington, DC that suggest the “official” comments period for the Notice of Proposed Rule issued by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (the Councils) on the matter related to PLAs may be extended. The Proposed Rule purports to implement the President’s Executive Order No. 13502 (Feb. 6, 2009), which for the first time establishes a policy of “encouraging” federal agencies to consider imposing union-only project labor agreements (PLAs) on federal construction projects whose total costs exceed \$25 million dollars. CIRT, with other interested construction associations, met with OMB/DOL officials earlier this summer to express their views and concerns regarding the rulemaking and the potential expansion of its reach to non-federal projects. At that time, CIRT invited its members to file comments on the councils’ proposals which were published as proposed rule for the General Services Administration, the Department of Defense, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in the July 14 Federal Register (74 Fed. Reg. 33,953). if they were interested in the matter. **[See [CIRT Comments](#) and related [CIRT story on 7/14/09](#)].**