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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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LEGISLATURE EXPANDS FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST

On Monday, the New Jersey State Assembly passed legislation directing an additional \$230 million to the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust (EIT) to finance water infrastructure projects across the state. The bills, S2731 and S2732, are now on the Governor's desk awaiting signature.

Each year, the State Legislature passes two bills for the Environmental Infrastructure Trust: one that authorizes the use of State and Federal funds, and a second that outlines the list of funded projects for the fiscal year. The original FY17 authorization passed in August and enabled the Trust to spend up to \$411.35 million for 80 projects. S2731 (Greenstein/Bateman) and its companion, S2732 (Codey/Gill), expanded the lists of eligible projects and allowable loan amounts for already approved projects, enabling the Trust to spend up to \$641.576 million for 108 drinking and clean water infrastructure projects. Of that amount, approximately \$451.38 million would be available for clean water project loans and \$190.2 million for drinking water project loans.

UTCA testified in support of the legislation at the Senate Environment & Energy Committee, and advocated for its passage as it made its way through the Legislature. Both bills passed the Assembly by a vote of 76-0-1.

UTCA SECURES CRITICAL AMENDMENT TO WORKER NOTIFICATION BILL

Recently introduced legislation aimed to protect New Jersey workers, but the original language

would have placed an undue burden on contractors. UTCA staff worked with bill sponsor Assemblyman Gary Schaer to ensure that our industry wasn't bogged down by yet another administrative process.

With the introduction of A4353, the Budget Committee Chair from Passaic sought to help prevent wage theft by requiring construction industry employers to post notification of workers' rights information and resources in a location accessible to all employees. However, included in the original bill was a provision that also would have required contractors to mail this information every year to employees on the anniversary of their hire. After making our case to Assemblyman Schaer, UTCA was able to secure an important amendment allowing contractors to provide the information at the time of hire, completely removing the annual notification requirement.

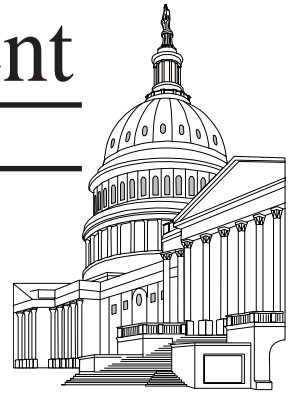
The Assembly passed the bill 68-8-1, and it will now move into the Senate for Committee consideration.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE UTCA PAC: CONSTRUCTORS FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

For over fifty years, UTCA has been a leading voice for our industry in Trenton and in Washington D.C. Whether providing expert testimony before business and legislative groups or effecting the legislative process, UTCA continues to have an outstanding record of achievement securing positive change for our industry. This success is only possible by your support of the UTCA PAC: Constructors for Good Government. Please consider becoming a contributor - a robust PAC means a robust voice for contractors in the State House and on the Hill.

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