

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 242, *approved January 12, 2026*
Assembly, No. 4006 (*Third Reprint*)

1 AN ACT permitting partnerships and joint ventures to bid on public
2 works and prevailing wage contracts in certain cases and
3 amending P.L.1999, c.238.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. Section 4 of P.L.1999, c.238 (C.34:11-56.51) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 4. ²a.² No contractor shall bid on any contract for public work as
11 defined in section 2 of P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.26), or for which
12 payment of the prevailing wage is required by any other provision of
13 law, unless the contractor is registered pursuant to this act. No
14 contractor shall list a subcontractor in a bid proposal for the contract
15 unless the subcontractor is registered pursuant to P.L.1999, c.238
16 (C.34:11-56.48 et seq.) at the time the bid is made. No contractor or
17 subcontractor, including a subcontractor not listed in the bid proposal,
18 shall engage in the performance of any public work subject to the
19 contract, unless the contractor or subcontractor is registered pursuant
20 to that act.

21 ²b.² A partnership or joint venture shall be permitted to bid on
22 ¹any contract for public work as defined in section 2 of P.L.1963,
23 c.150 (C.34:11-56.26), or for which payment of the prevailing wage is
24 required by any other provision of law] ³[contracts for public work
25 limited to heavy, highway, utility, marine, transit, environmental
26 remediation, and related infrastructure projects, or for any such project
27 for which payment of the prevailing wage is required by law¹] heavy
28 infrastructure projects³ , if each party to the partnership or joint
29 venture is independently registered in compliance with this section.

30 ²(1) Prior to being awarded a contract, a partnership or joint
31 venture shall register with the Department of Labor and Workforce
32 Development to obtain a Public Works Contractor Registration
33 certificate and designate a primary contract manager to oversee
34 contract administration and compliance.

35 (2) If any party to the partnership or joint venture fails to perform
36 or comply with a contract or a portion thereof, all parties to the
37 partnership or joint venture shall be held jointly and severally liable.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted April 10, 2025.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted May 22, 2025.

³Assembly floor amendments adopted December 8, 2025.

1 Such failure to perform or comply may result in penalties to the
2 partnership or joint venture, including cancellation of the contract.

3 c.² ¹As used in this section, “heavy infrastructure project” means a
4 public works project that involves the planning, design, construction,
5 or maintenance of essential facilities and systems, including, but not
6 limited to, roads, bridges, tunnels, railways, airports, seaports, transit
7 systems, water and wastewater treatment facilities, stormwater
8 systems, utilities, and environmental remediation efforts.¹
9 (cf: P.L.2019, c.376, s.2)

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11 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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16 Permits partnerships and joint ventures to bid on certain public
17 works and prevailing wage contracts if each party to partnership or
18 joint venture is independently registered.