

1 **2023 NYSAC Fall Seminar**  
2 **Standing Committee on Transportation and Public Works**  
3 **Resolution #1**

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5 **Resolution Urging the Governor and State Lawmakers to Grant Design-**  
6 **Build Construction Authority to Counties and New York City**

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8 **WHEREAS**, current road, bridge, building, and infrastructure construction projects  
9 are cumbersome and expensive for local governments and taxpayers in New York State;  
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12 **WHEREAS**, design-build contracting saves time and money by eliminating time in  
13 procuring design services separately from construction services, and by making a single  
14 entity responsible for a project, reducing the possibility of contract claims related to  
15 design errors or omissions; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, design-build is a method of construction project delivery in which one  
18 entity works under a single contract to provide design and construction services; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, design-build projects minimize project risk for the owner, increase the  
21 accountability of contractors and streamlines the delivery schedule by compressing two  
22 procurements into one, eliminating one full procurement cycle; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, design-build further streamlines the delivery schedule by overlapping the  
25 design and construction phases of a project; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law the New York City Public Works  
28 Investment Act, which authorizes some New York City agencies to use the design-build  
29 delivery method for certain capital projects over a specified dollar threshold amount;  
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32 **WHEREAS**, New York State has granted design-build authority to itself and to New  
33 York City with great success and the same authority should be granted to counties; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the State has proven this method saves both time and taxpayer money all  
36 while minimizing project risk.

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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
39 Counties hereby calls on the Governor and State Lawmakers to grant county  
40 governments the authority to use design-build construction to achieve these needed  
41 construction project results; and

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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties  
44 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
2 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Legislature and all others deemed necessary and  
3 proper.