



# BUILDING AMERICA

## THE MERIT SHOP SCORECARD

*A Review & Ranking of State Construction Environments*

### Washington

#### Project Labor Agreements

Executive order encourages state agencies to consider the use of PLAs on a project-by-project basis.

#### Prevailing Wage

Yes; no monetary threshold.

#### Right to Work

No.

#### Public-Private Partnerships

Statute authorizes P3s on transportation projects and vertical construction projects associated with transportation projects, but prohibits P3's on projects that are primarily for recreational purposes such as parks, hiking trails, etc. Unsolicited bids are accepted under certain conditions.

#### Workforce Development Incentives

Current labor supply satisfies 101% of peak labor demand.

State offered \$1,868,500 in grants and incentives for workforce preparation and development in 2020.

#### Career and Technical Education

88% of CTE high school graduates are placed in colleges or careers.

Washington does not recognize NCCER as an approved curriculum for CTE programs.

#### Job Growth Rate

6.1%.

#### Industry Overview

**OVERALL RANK** 48

Project Labor Agreements F

Prevailing Wage F

Right to Work F

Public-Private Partnerships B

Workforce Development Incentives C

Career & Technical Education B

Job Growth Rate A

#### Compared to the National Average

WASHINGTON		NATIONAL
F	PLA	B
B	PPP	C
C	WDI	C
B	CTE	B
A	JGR	C

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Prompt Pay

Private: No law in place.

Public: Payment must be made 30 days after invoice or receipt of services, whichever is later, unless the public entity has not yet received grant or federal money supporting the project, or a later date is determined by existing contract.

Subs:

– Private: No law in place.

– Public: Payment must be made to subs and subs to lower tiers 10 days after payment.

ABC Western Washington Chapter

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Immigration/E-Verify Mandate

No law in place.

Percentage of State GDP From Nonresidential Construction

4.3%.

Incidence Rate

5.7

Occupational Safety & Health Oversight (State vs. Federal)

State plan covers private workplaces and state and local government workplaces.

Percentage of Union Membership in Private Construction

25.0%.

Marijuana Legalization Status

Legalized for medicinal and personal use.

## Business Facts

Minimum Wage

13.69

Percentage of Pensions Funded

89.6%

Effective Real-Estate Tax Rate

0.92%

Corporate Income Tax Rate(s)

0% (Tax on Gross Receipts)

State and Local Public Construction Expenditures (in millions)

\$12,011