

**RESPONSIBLE
BIDDER
ORDINANCES
PROMOTE
LOCAL
CONSTRUCTION
STANDARDS**



FACTS ABOUT RBOs

A responsible bidder ordinance (RBO) sets minimum requirements for all contractors bidding on taxpayer-funded projects.

In Indiana, counties, townships, cities, towns, school districts, and hospital districts have all passed RBOs.

In fact, as of May 2018, Indiana has 40 RBOs.

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40% of all Indiana workers in heavy and civil engineering construction – the sector with the highest share of taxpayer dollars – are employed in the nine counties that have RBOs.



- All nine countywide RBOs require that both contractors and subcontractors bidding on public projects participate in USDOL-approved apprenticeship training programs.
- Construction worker turnover is **1.6% lower** in the nine counties with RBOs than in the counties without RBOs.
- Construction workers **earn 8.3% more** – about \$500 more per month – in the nine counties with RBOs.

Midwest Economic Policy Institute. (2018). Responsible Bidder Ordinances Promote Local Construction Standards: Evidence from Indiana.