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## **NUCA Opposes Proposed Federal Mandated Project Labor Agreement Rule**

(Fairfax, Va.) - *The National Utility Contractors Association issued the following statement regarding the release of the recent proposed rule mandating project labor agreements on federal construction projects over \$35 million:*

“NUCA continues to voice its strong opposition to government-mandated Project Labor Agreements. [The Federal Acquisition Regulation \(FAR\) Council release of proposed rules \(FAR Case 2022-003\)](#) implementing President Biden’s [E.O. 14063](#), issued in February 2022, represents a dangerous step in the wrong direction for American infrastructure construction.

“NUCA represents both union and merit-shop contractors,” said Doug Carlson, NUCA CEO. “Our members build and maintain all underground utility systems. We’re doing everything possible to combat the enduring workforce and inflation challenges facing our industry, but the proposed rules that would implement Biden’s ill-advised EO do nothing but make matters much worse.”

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### **About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)**

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents more than 1,800 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation’s intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at [www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com), and can be followed on Twitter at [@NUCA\\_National](https://twitter.com/NUCA_National). The association’s Twitter hashtags are #NUCAdigs and #WeDigAmerica.