

STATE or FEDERAL Initiative to Support

Topic: Superintendent of Public Works Licensure Mandate Removal

Issue: Current state statute surrounding the County's ability to hire a Superintendent of Public Works mandates the individual hired to hold a Professional Engineering license in the State of Illinois. No such requirement is mandated for municipalities, regardless of size of said municipality or the municipal Public Works Department.

The removal of the licensure mandate for Counties will create parity with municipalities and will provide Counties the ability to hire superintendents from a larger pool of candidates.

Recommendation: Support legislation that allows for a superintendent of a department of public works to either: (1) be a registered professional engineer, (2) hold a degree in engineering from an accredited institution of higher learning, or (3) have at least 10 years of professional, management-level experience in either a municipal or county public works department (rather than the superintendent shall be a registered professional engineer).

Guiding Tenet(s) of the Legislative Agenda

- Grants additional permissive authorities

Value(s) of the County Board Strategic Plan

- Leadership
- Environmental Stewardship