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Hill International Experts to Discuss New Project Labor Agreement Law at Legal Forum

New Brunswick, NJ -- Hill International, Inc., the worldwide construction consulting firm, announced that Thomas P. Foy, Vice President of Hill International, will be presenting at a special New Jersey construction forum titled "Construction Industry Essentials for the Third Millennium" sponsored by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. The event will be held Thursday, April 3, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick. Keynote speakers at the event include Albert Kroll, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor, and Alfred McNeil, CEO of the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation.

The new Project Labor Agreement (PLA) law, which was signed into effect July 25, 2002 by New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey, will be one of the many topics of discussion at the event. Foy, a PLA expert, is joined by fellow PLA expert James M. O'Neill, a Senior Consultant with Hill. Their presentation is titled "The Make or Break Power of Project Labor Agreements." The seminar will cover the PLA law itself and the issues surrounding it.

"Project Labor Agreements are saving owners time and money while providing unions with more work for their members," said Foy. "It's a win-win situation for all parties involved," Foy added.

New Jersey is the first state to enact legislation requiring that public projects that exceed \$5 million in construction value be evaluated for PLA implementation. According to this new legislation, PLAs will require contractors and subcontractors to use union labor for specific projects. In exchange, the unions agree to a uniform contract thereby ensuring that projects will be carried out in an orderly and timely manner, without strikes, lockouts or slowdowns.

Hill International has more experience handling PLAs than any other consulting firm in the nation. Hill's experts have designed and implemented PLAs for such noted projects as the new Goldman Sachs tower in Jersey City, Philadelphia International Airport, the Pittsburgh Steelers' Heinz Field, the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York, and the I-287/Cross Westchester Expressway in New York.

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