



New York State Can Save Millions on Infrastructure Projects

By using private engineers to design public works projects.

- Recent data shows use of private sector engineers on public works projects lowers design costs by 14-20%.*
- Private engineers are paid only for the time they work on a project, offering manpower flexibility and labor cost savings. State engineers are paid whether there is work to be done or not.
- Studies continually show the disparity between public and private sector compensation. The U.S. Department of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey both show public sector wages, benefits and pensions were higher than private sector wages for comparable positions.
- An average 30-year DOT engineer costs New York \$5.5 million over his/her lifetime (including fringe benefits, healthcare, and pension).

* "NYSDOT Engineering Design Costs: In-House Versus Outsourced Design," Polytechnic Institute of NYU, Oct. 2008

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