



CENTRAL INDIANA BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL

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RE: Letter of Support for DC Blox Data Center – Thunderbird Park, Indianapolis

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Central Indiana Building Trades Council and our affiliated unions, we write in strong support of the proposed DC Blox data center project at Thunderbird Park on Indianapolis' east side.

Data center developments such as this project provide substantial and meaningful benefits to union construction members and to the Central Indiana economy. These projects are highly complex, labor-intensive builds that rely on the skills of trained, professional tradespeople across multiple crafts, including electricians, laborers, operating engineers, plumbers and pipefitters, carpenters, ironworkers, and others. As a result, they generate hundreds of family-sustaining union construction jobs during the construction phase.

Union labor ensures that this work is performed safely, on schedule, and to the highest quality standards. Our members complete rigorous apprenticeship and ongoing training programs, making them uniquely qualified to meet the technical demands and safety requirements of modern data center construction. These projects provide steady work hours, strong wages, and employer-funded health care and retirement benefits, helping to support working families throughout Central Indiana.

Importantly, our organization has had the opportunity to visit and observe similar data center projects in the Atlanta region. These facilities are often located in or near residential areas and, in practice, they become just another part of the surrounding landscape. With appropriate design, buffering, and operations, they are quiet, secure, and low-impact neighbors that coexist successfully within established communities. This firsthand experience reinforces our confidence that projects like DC Blox's proposed development can integrate responsibly into the east side while delivering significant economic and workforce benefits.



In addition to direct employment, large-scale infrastructure projects such as data centers have a positive ripple effect on the local economy. Union construction wages are spent locally supporting small businesses, strengthening neighborhoods, and expanding the local tax base. These projects also create pathways into the building trades for young people and underrepresented communities, ensuring a strong and diverse workforce for the future.

The Central Indiana Building Trades Council supports responsible economic development that values skilled labor, prioritizes safety, and delivers long-term benefits to the community. The DC Blox project at Thunderbird Park aligns with these principles and represents an important opportunity to create high-quality union jobs while supporting Indianapolis' growing role in the digital economy.

For these reasons, we urge local leaders and stakeholders to support the proposed DC Blox data center project. We look forward to working with project partners to ensure this development is built by skilled union labor and delivers lasting value to Central Indiana.

Sincerely,

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