

# ***Clean Contracting for Connecticut: Leading for Quality & Efficient Public Services***

*“Years of grassroots work by CSEA’s LAC members, a major investment of resources by SEIU, and the efforts of coalition unions paid off and a model contract reform law for the country was passed here in Connecticut!”*

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After vetoing similar legislation 3 times since taking office, Governor M. Jodi Rell finally signed comprehensive contract reform legislation, “An Act Concerning Clean Contracting Standards,” on October 6, 2007. The law marked the culmination of a 14-year effort by our union to protect the public interest in Connecticut, and raise the standard for *successfully* standing-up to costly outsourcing!

## ***Building a Strategic Coalition***

Our coordinated campaign brought together public sector unions, lawmakers (including those formerly opposed to contract reform), and non-profit providers and brought about direct negotiations with the Administration of Connecticut’s Governor.

## ***Delivering A Winning Message***

We created public support around several high profile contracting-out crises, and generated a new message around “delivering efficiency,” improving the “quality of services,” and creating “value for taxpayers’ investment,” rather than simply being opposed to privatization.

## ***Defining “Clean Contracting”***

The new law will protect tax dollars by requiring a cost-benefit analysis be performed BEFORE contracting-out public projects, establishes common-sense standards to protect our families’ health and safety, and sets up a review of contracted work for accountability, transparency and results-based outcomes.



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