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Nevada's 2016-2017 Construction Wage Survey Released

The Office of the Labor Commissioner has released the 2016–2017 Construction Wage Survey for contractors throughout the state.

Completed surveys are due by 5:00 pm on July 15, 2016, in order to be included in the process for determining the prevailing wage rates, which will be posted on October 1, 2016, as required by Nevada law.

Nevada law requires the Labor Commissioner to conduct an annual survey of contractors who have performed construction work during the past year in order to determine prevailing wage rates for the upcoming year. Prevailing wage rates are required to be paid on Nevada public works construction projects such as roadways and government buildings that cost more than $250,000. Assembly Bill (AB) 172, became effective June 9, 2015 and does the following: (1) Changes the Public Work Project (PWP) amount from $100,000 to $250,000; (2) Requires that the prevailing wage for each craft in a county shall be at least 50% of the total hours worked in the county for each craft as reported through the survey process; (3) If there is no 50% majority, the prevailing wage will be the average of the total hours worked in the county for each craft as reported through the survey process; (4) Requires the prevailing wage rate on school projects including the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), to be at least 90% of the prevailing wage rate for each craft in the county where the school construction is taking place; and (5) Exempts Charter Schools from prevailing wage requirements.

Contractors can access the survey at www.laborcommissioner.com, or at our new website www.labor.nv.gov. The website also contains convenient links to Nevada's prevailing wage laws, as well as state-required posters and other useful employment information. Individuals may also request a hard copy by calling the Office of the Labor Commissioner in Las Vegas at (702) 486-2797, or in Carson City at (775) 684-1890.

All contractors who have worked on construction projects may participate in the survey, even if they are not required to have a contractors' license. It is important for all contractors, particularly those working in rural areas, to participate as precisely as possible in the survey to ensure that the calculated prevailing wage rates accurately reflect the rates that are being paid in a particular County. If no rates are reported for a classification in a County, the Labor Commissioner must rely on wage rates as reported for the nearest County that reported a rate for that particular classification. Participation by all contractors is key in order to ensure that the prevailing wage rates reflect the work performed and wages paid.

Contractors should keep several important facts in mind when completing the survey:

All data from all contractors will be considered. However, the information must be within survey requirements. For example, work must be done within the specified dates and must be for a classification included in the survey.

Surveys should include wages paid on private and commercial projects. To establish a rate reflective of what's been paid, the survey should include wages paid on all construction projects, not just publicly-funded projects.

Rural projects should be included. The size of a project is not important. Where the work was performed and what rate contractors paid a specific classification in a given locale are the important factors.

For more information about the prevailing wage survey, please contact Nelly Bernal, Compliance Investigator at publicworks@laborcommissioner.com, or at 702) 486-2650.