

APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT – SENATE BILL 207 (2019)

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that: 1. A skilled workforce in construction is essential to the economic well-being of this State; 2. Apprenticeship programs are a proven method of training a skilled workforce in construction; and 3. Requiring the use of apprentices on the construction of public works will ensure the availability of a skilled workforce in construction in the future for this State.

Sec. 1.7. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and except as otherwise provided in this section, a contractor or subcontractor engaged in vertical construction who employs a worker on a public work pursuant to NRS 338.040 shall use one or more apprentices for at least 10 percent of the total hours of labor worked for each apprenticed craft or type of work to be performed on the public work for which more than three workers are employed.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and except as otherwise provided in this section, a contractor or subcontractor engaged in horizontal construction who employs a worker on a public work pursuant to NRS 338.040 shall use one or more apprentices for at least 3 percent of the total hours of labor worked for each apprenticed craft or type of work to be performed on the public work for which more than three workers are employed.

Horizontal Construction NRS 338.010 - Subdivision 13. “Horizontal construction” means any construction, alteration, repair, renovation, demolition or remodeling necessary to complete a public work, including, without limitation, any irrigation, drainage, water supply, flood control, harbor, railroad, highway, tunnel, airport or airway, sewer, sewage disposal plant or water treatment facility and any ancillary vertical components thereof, bridge, inland waterway, pipeline for the transmission of petroleum or any other liquid or gaseous substance, pier, and any other work incidental thereto. The term does not include vertical construction, the construction of any terminal or other building of an airport or airway, or the construction of any other building.

Vertical Construction “Vertical construction” means any construction, alteration, repair, renovation, demolition or remodeling necessary to complete a public work for any building, structure or other improvement that is predominantly vertical, including, without limitation, a building, structure or improvement for the support, shelter and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or movable property of any kind, and any other work or improvement appurtenant thereto.

Complex or Hazardous Work - The Labor Commissioner will view complex and hazardous work to include, but not be limited to, work performed on a public work project that is traditionally not performed by Apprentices pursuant to their Apprentice Agreement, Collective Bargaining Agreement, and/or any other written justification demonstrating that the work to be performed should not be performed by Apprentices.

A Public Body/Awarding Body, upon the request of a contractor or subcontractor, **MAY** submit a request for a modification or waiver of the percentage of hours of labor of one or more apprentices prior to (1) the bid advertisement; (2) the bid opening; or (3) the award of the contract if, “Good Cause” exists. The Labor Commissioner may also grant a waiver from the requirements of SB 207 after work on the public work has commenced.

Sample Forms and information on SB 207 can be found at:

http://labor.nv.gov/Apprenticeship_Utilization_Act/Apprenticeship_Utilization_Act/

Additional information on Public Works Projects and Prevailing Wages by region and the Nevada State Apprenticeship Council can be found at www.labor.nv.gov or by following the links below.

http://labor.nv.gov/PrevailingWage/Public_Works_Prevailing_Wages/

https://labor.nv.gov/Wages/Nevada_State_Apprenticeship_Council/

GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING BODIES AND CONTRACTORS/SUBCONTRACTORS

1. Senate Bill 207 applies to Public Works Projects (NRS 338.010 – Subdivision 23) over \$100,000. (Exemptions may apply – See NRS sections 338.011 and 338.090.)
2. For each Public Works Project (PWP) Bid Advertisement, Bid Opening, and Contract, the Public Body/Awarding Body should include the requirements of Senate Bill 207. The Public Body/Awarding Body should also determine if the PWP requires the performance of uniquely complex or hazardous work.
3. Contractors/Subcontractors should determine if they can meet the Apprentice % requirements set forth in SB 207 or need to request Apprentices from a Registered Apprenticeship Program. Contractors/Subcontractors can request Apprentices using the Apprentice Request Form or request Apprentices in writing from a Registered Apprenticeship Program. (*Written documentation will be required by the Labor Commissioner if a Request for Waiver is submitted.*)
4. If the Apprentice Request is approved and Apprentices are dispatched, an Apprentice Agreement may need to be executed between the Registered Apprenticeship Program and the Contractor/Subcontractor.
5. Apprentice Issues - Issues and/or complaints regarding the qualifications and/or work of an Apprentice that is dispatched should be directed to the Registered Apprenticeship Program.
6. A Request for Waiver **MAY** be submitted by the **PUBLIC BODY/AWARDING BODY** to the Office of the Labor Commissioner if: (1) No Registered Apprentice Programs exist in the jurisdiction for the craft/type of work required for the PWP; (2) A request for Apprentices was denied or not acted upon within 5 business days; or (3) The PWP requires the performance of uniquely complex or hazardous work.
7. **ONLY THE PUBLIC BODY/AWARDING BODY CAN SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR WAIVER. REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
8. Within 15 days of receipt of the Request for Waiver, the Office of the Labor Commissioner will issue a Decision/Determination granting or denying the Request for Waiver on the form that was submitted.
9. The Public Body/Awarding Body, Contractor, or Subcontractor can appeal the Decision/Determination within 10 days of issuance.
10. The Public Body/Awarding Body shall monitor the PWP consistent with the laws and regulations set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) section 338 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) section 338. If a Waiver has not been granted the Public Body/Awarding Body shall ensure that certified payroll reports and any other required documentation are submitted and maintained demonstrating compliance with SB 207.

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