

Labor Compliance Program <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> Phone: Fax:	(SEAL)
Date:	In Reply Refer to Case No.:

Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments

Awarding Body	Work Performed in County of
Project Name	Project No.
Prime Contractor	
Subcontractor	

After an investigation concerning the payment of wages to workers employed in the execution of the contract for the above-named public works project, the Labor Compliance Program for _____ (Awarding Body) has determined that violations of the California Labor Code have been committed by the contractor and/or subcontractor identified above. In accordance with Labor Code sections 1771.5 and 1771.6, the Labor Compliance Program hereby issues this Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments.

The nature of the violations of the Labor Code and the basis for the assessment are as follows:

The Labor Compliance Program has determined that the total amount of wages due is: \$ _____

The Labor Compliance Program has determined that the total amount of penalties assessed under Labor Code sections 1775 and 1813 is: \$ _____

The Labor Compliance Program has determined that the amount of penalties assessed under Labor Code section 1776 is: \$ _____

LABOR COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

By: _____

Notice of Right to Obtain Review - Formal Hearing

In accordance with Labor Code sections 1742 and 1771.6, an affected contractor or subcontractor may obtain review of this Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments (NWCP) by transmitting a written request to the office of the Labor Compliance Program that appears below within 60 days after service of the notice. **To obtain a hearing, a written Request for Review must be transmitted to the following address:**

Labor Compliance Program

Review Office-Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments

A **Request for Review** either shall clearly identify the Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments from which review is sought, including the date of the notice, or it shall include a copy of the notice as an attachment, and shall also set forth the basis upon which the notice is being contested. In accordance with Labor Code section 1742, the contractor or subcontractor shall be provided an opportunity to review evidence to be utilized by the Labor Compliance Program at the hearing within 20 days of the Labor Compliance Program's receipt of the written **Request for Review**.

Failure by a contractor or subcontractor to submit a timely Request for Review will result in a final order which shall be binding on the contractor and subcontractor, and which shall also be binding, with respect to the amount due, on a bonding company issuing a bond that secures the payment of wages and a surety on a bond. Labor Code section 1743.

In accordance with Labor Code section 1742(d), a certified copy of a final order may be filed by the Labor Commissioner in the office of the clerk of the superior court in any county in which the affected contractor or subcontractor has property or has or had a place of business. The clerk, immediately upon the filing, shall enter judgment for the State against the person assessed in the amount shown on the certified order.

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Opportunity for Settlement Meeting

In accordance with Labor Code Section 1742.1 (c), the Labor Compliance Program shall, upon receipt of a request from the affected contractor or subcontractor within 30 days following the service of this Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments, afford the contractor or subcontractor the opportunity to meet with the Labor Compliance Program's designee **to attempt to settle a dispute regarding this Notice**. The settlement meeting may be held in person or by telephone and shall take place before the expiration of the 60-day period for seeking a hearing as set forth above under the heading Notice of Right to Obtain Review. No evidence of anything said or any admission made for the purpose of, in the course of, or pursuant to, the settlement meeting is admissible or subject to discovery in any administrative or civil proceeding. No writing prepared for the purpose of, in the course of, or pursuant to, the settlement meeting, other than a final settlement agreement, is admissible or subject to discovery in any administrative or civil proceeding. This opportunity to timely request an informal settlement meeting is **in addition** to the right to obtain a formal hearing, and a settlement meeting may be requested even if a written **Request for Review** has already been made. Requesting a settlement meeting, however, does not extend the 60-day period during which a formal hearing may be requested.

A written request to meet with the Labor Compliance Program's designee to attempt to settle a dispute regarding this notice must be transmitted to _____ at the following address:

Liquidated Damages

In accordance with Labor Code section 1742.1 (a), after 60 days following the service of this Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments, the affected contractor, subcontractor, and surety on a bond or bonds issued to secure the payment of wages covered by the notice shall be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages, or portion thereof that still remain unpaid. If this Notice subsequently is overturned or modified after administrative or judicial review, liquidated damages shall be payable only on the wages found to be due and unpaid. If the contractor or subcontractor demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations that he or she had substantial grounds for believing this Notice to be an error, the Director shall waive payment of the liquidated damages.

Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Labor Code 1742.1 (b), there shall be no liability for liquidated damages if the full amount found due in this Notice, including penalties, has been deposited with the Department of Industrial Relations, within 60 days following service of this Notice, for the Department to hold in escrow pending administrative and judicial review. The Department shall release such funds, plus any interest earned, at the conclusion of all administrative and judicial review to the persons and entities who are found to be entitled to such funds.

In lieu of a cash deposit, the contractor may post an undertaking with the Department in full amount of the Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments. The undertaking shall be on the condition that, if any decision is issued by the Director upholding this Notice in any respect, the contractor shall pay the amount owed pursuant to a decision that is final under Labor Code Section 1742, unless the parties have executed a settlement agreement for the payment of some other amount, in which case the contractor shall pay the

amount that the contractor is obligated to pay under the terms of the settlement agreement. The undertaking must provide that if the contractor fails to pay the amount owed within 10 days of the date the decision is final or the execution of the settlement agreement, a portion of the undertaking equal to the amount owed, or the entire undertaking if the amount exceeds the undertaking is forfeited to the Labor Commissioner for the State of California for the purpose of satisfying the amounts owed under this Notice. A payment bond obtained by a contractor for the public works project which is the subject to this Notice shall not be accepted as an undertaking unless the following two conditions are completely satisfied: (1) the payment bond provides the payment of the full amount of this Notice, including but not limited to, all wages, training, trust contributions, and penalties, and (2) the conditions of payment set forth above are expressly agreed to by the affected contractor(s) and the surety which issued the payment bond. The undertaking should be forwarded to the Department as directed below. The Department's Accounting Office will hold the undertaking until the administrative and judicial review is completed. The disbursement of the bond funds will follow the same process as described above for a cash deposit.

Deposits must be made by check or money order payable to the Department of Industrial Relations with a letter and a copy of the Notice of Withhold Contract Payments and mailed to:

Department of Industrial Relations
Attention Cashiering Unit
P.O. Box 420603
San Francisco, CA 94142

The Amount of Liquidated Damages Available Under this Notice is \$ _____.

Distribution:

Prime Contractor
Subcontractor
Surety(s) on Bond

Attach:

Audit Summary
Proof of Service