

## N E W S L I N E

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### Online Registration Renewal for Public Works Contractors Is Open

The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) would like to remind public works contractors who are registered with the Department for the current fiscal year (ending June 30, 2016) that they may renew their registration for the next fiscal year (starting July 1, 2016) using DIR's [online public works contractor registration system](#).

The early renewal option is only available for public works contractors who are currently registered with DIR. Registered contractors who fail to renew by July 1 but continue bidding or working on public works after that date may be subject to a \$2,000 penalty and late fees.

Contractors and subcontractors who are not currently registered with DIR and plan to bid or work on public works prior to July 1 may complete the registration process, including payment of the \$300 fee, to register for the remainder of the current fiscal year, which expires on June 30, 2016. Once registered, contractors may then renew their registration for the following fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2016), which will also require payment of the \$300 renewal fee.

Contractors and subcontractors who are not currently registered with DIR and do not plan to bid or work on a public works project before July 1 should wait until July 1 or after to register for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017).

New features on DIR's online registration system allow contractors to print out proof of registration and verify the status of their renewal or application on the [database of qualified public works contractors](#). A user guide with [instructions](#) is posted online.

DIR has additional compliance information on its [Public Works page](#). The public works community is also invited to [subscribe to email alerts](#) on public works topics, DIR's press releases and other departmental updates.

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