January 26, 2009

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO AWARDING BODIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES REGARDING PREVAILING WAGE DETERMINATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

The Division of Labor Statistics and Research (DLSR) will no longer issue residential wage rates as special prevailing wage determinations pursuant to the California Code of Regulations Section 16202. Effective January 26, 2009, the DLSR will make available on demand residential prevailing wage determinations for those crafts/classifications which are on file with the DLSR to any interested party upon request. This does not alter the basis for determination, it only improves the availability of these determinations to the regulated public.

As defined under the California Code of Regulations Section 16001(d), residential projects consist of single-family homes and apartments up to and including four stories. The residential determinations will apply only to the residential portion of the project meeting this definition. Construction of any structures or ancillary facilities on the project that does not meet this definition requires the payment of the general prevailing wage rates found in the Director’s General Prevailing Wage Determinations.

To obtain residential determinations, please fax a request to (415) 703-4771 or send to the following address:

Department of Industrial Relations
Division of Labor Statistics and Research
P.O. Box 420603
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

It is anticipated that residential determinations will be updated semi-annually as are the Director’s General Prevailing Wage Determinations. An important notice will go up on DLSR’s website when residential determinations are updated. If you are obtaining residential determinations and your project is not immediately advertised for bids, please refer to these important notices to make sure you are using the residential determinations in effect at the time a project is advertised for bids.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Labor Statistics and Research at the aforementioned address or call (415) 703-4780 and ask for the Prevailing Wage Analyst of the Week.