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**Important Notice to Awarding Bodies and Other Interested Parties  
Regarding Shift Differential Pay in the Director's General Prevailing Wage Determinations**

Dear Public Official/Other Interested Parties:

The Director's General Prevailing Wage Determinations includes shift differential pay for various crafts used on public works projects. This notice is to clarify the worker's eligibility to receive the shift differential pay when working on a public works project. Please note that not all crafts have shift differential pay published in the Director's General Prevailing Wage Determinations.

When a worker is required to work a regular shift, he/she must be paid the applicable craft rate from the Director's General Prevailing Wage Determinations for the construction activity he/she is performing. However, when a worker is required to work a shift outside of normal working hours, he/she must be paid the shift differential pay according to the shift he/she is working. For example, if only one shift is utilized for the day, and the work being performed is during the hours typically considered to be a swing (second) shift or graveyard (third) shift, the worker employed during the hours typically considered to be a swing shift or graveyard shift must be paid the shift differential pay for the shift he/she is working. If multiple shifts are used for the day, the worker working on the second or third shift must be paid according to the shift he/she is working.

Please refer to the contract provisions posted on the Internet at [www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD](http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD) for the working hours applicable to the craft/classification published in the Director's General Prevailing Wage Determinations, which has a swing shift and/or a graveyard shift.

Sincerely,

  
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