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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO AWARDING BODIES AND  
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES CONCERNING THE NEW  
AMENDMENTS TO LABOR CODE SECTION 1720(a)**

The passage of Senate Bill 975 (Chapter 938), effective January 1, 2002, codifies existing Department of Industrial Relations' administrative decisions on appeal and determinations regarding the above referenced statute. This statute, among other things, also expands the definition of "public funds" for purposes of the Prevailing Wage Law and adds "installation" to the definition of construction. Chapter 938 also provides for certain specified exemptions to the new definition of "public funds."

In accordance with SB 975, its terms will be strictly enforced for all public works projects advertised for bids on or after January 1, 2002, except for those projects that that would have been covered under the Department's public works coverage determinations or decisions on appeal made precedential prior January 1, 2002, in which case there is an independent basis for enforcement of projects advertised for bid prior to January 1, 2002.