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NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

REGARDING CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 854

CONTRACTOR AND SUB-CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (DIR)

Senate Bill 854, signed into law June 20, 2014, became effectively immediately, and made several significant changes to laws pertaining to the administration and enforcement of prevailing wage requirements by the DIR. It established a new public works contractor registration program which will collect fees to fund the public works activities of the DIR, including compliance monitoring and enforcement, determination of prevailing wage rates and public works coverage, and hearing enforcement appeals.

All contractors and sub-contractors intending to bid or perform work on public works projects are required to register online for the program by March 1, 2015, and renew annually thereafter. A non-refundable fee of \$300.00, payable by credit card only, will be required at the time of registration. This is a fee paid to the State DIR and does not benefit the Eureka Union School District. The District will not register a contractor, nor collect funds. Contractors must meet minimum qualifications including:

- Workers' Compensation coverage
- Valid contractor license issued by the Contractors' State License Board
- No delinquent unpaid wage or penalty assessments owed to any employee or enforcement agency
- No federal or state debarment
- No prior violation of the SB 854 contractor registration requirement once it becomes effective (except first-time violation in a 12 month period and payment of related \$2,000.00 penalty)

Per California Labor Code 1720-1720.6, "public works" is defined as construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work (including maintenance) done under contract and paid by public funds. The requirement to use only registered contractors and sub-contractors on public works projects applies to all projects awarded on or after April 1, 2015. No bid can be accepted nor any contract or subcontract entered into nor purchase order issued without proof that the contractor or subcontractor is registered.

As a courtesy, the Eureka Union School District will provide this notice to all vendors currently or recently contracted for public works projects. If the services you are providing, or may provide to the District in the future, qualify as "public works", please ensure you are registered with the DIR prior to March 1, 2015. Districts are also required to submit new contract/project information to the DIR on the PWC-100 form, which contains detailed information about each project. If the services you are currently providing the District fall under "public works" you may be asked to provide information needed to complete the DIR form. We ask that you provide any requested information in a timely manner to avoid interruption in the services you are providing.

More detailed information can be found at The Department of Industrial Relations website at [http://www.dir.ca.gov/PublicWorks/PublicWorks.html/](http://www.dir.ca.gov/PublicWorks/PublicWorks.html) If you have questions regarding the internal procedures for Eureka USD, as they relate to this new statute, please contact the Eureka USD Business Office at 916-791-4939.

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