

## NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC WORKS VENDORS

New Public Works Contractor Registration Law – Effective July 1, 2014.

SB 854 (Stat. 2014, chapter 28) made several changes to the laws governing how the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) monitors compliance with prevailing wage requirements on public works projects.

Public Works Contractor Registration Program:

**All contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project must register and pay an annual fee to DIR.** The phase-in timetable is as follows:

**July 1, 2014:** Registration program became effective and first contractors registered. Initial registrations will be valid through June 30, 2015.

**March 1, 2015:** No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with DIR. (Contractors must be registered in order to bid on public works projects.)

**April 1, 2015:** No contractor or subcontractor may work on a public works project unless registered with DIR. (Contractors must be registered to be awarded a public works project and to submit certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner.)

- **Once the registration requirement becomes mandatory (March 1, 2015 for bids and April 1, 2015 for work), an awarding body may not accept a bid or enter into a contract for public work with an unregistered contractor.**

January 1, 2016 – All public works contractors must furnish certified payroll records (online) to the Labor Commissioner.

“What if a contractor fails to register?”

Contractor will be ineligible to bid on public works.

Contractor will be ineligible to work on public works.

For first violation in a 12-month period, may pay \$2,000 to register if otherwise qualified.

For inadvertent lapsed renewal, 90 day grace period to pay double fee to re-register.

Link to the DIR website for Contractor registration: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>