

CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 854

Senate Bill 854, signed into law June 20, 2014, became effective immediately. It established a new public works contractor registration program which will collect fees to fund compliance monitoring and enforcement, determine prevailing wage and public works coverage, and hear enforcement appeals.

All contractors and subcontractors intending to bid or perform work on public works projects will be required to register, and annually renew, online for the program. The cost to register for the program is currently \$400.00 and is non-refundable.

Contractors or subcontractors submitting bids must be registered by March 1, 2015. The requirement to use only registered contractors and subcontractors on public works projects, greater than \$25,000, 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.

Public works refers to construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work (including maintenance) done under contract and paid by public funds. For a more detailed explanation of public works projects, refer to California Labor Code 1720 -1720.6.

This memo is being sent to all vendors currently contracted with the District's Facilities Projects and/or Maintenance and Operations Department. What are we asking you to do? If the services you are providing the District, or may provide the District in the future, fall under the definition of "public works", please ensure you are registered with the DIR prior to March 1, 2015. Effective immediately, the District will be required to fill out a form alerting the DIR of the services you are providing the District. Detailed information is required to complete this form. 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 complete this in a timely manner to avoid interruption in the services you are providing.

More information can be found at The Department of Industrial Relations website; <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>.