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Bureau of Pipefitters, Sprinkler Fitters and Refrigeration Technicians Testimony to the Board

I comment today on the need for the Board to work on some clarifying language as it pertains to the licensing of Apprentice Refrigeration Technicians. It appears that in Board documentation the apprentices are getting sent different messages.

Exhibit #1 <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/consumer-prot-and-bus-lic/license-type/refrigeration/refrigeration-apprentice.html>

This is the board's website that states: The applicant: **"Must provide proof that you are registered with your company with the Department of Labor and Industry"**

Exhibit #2 <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/docs/dps/engineering/appl-eng/appl-eng-refrigeration-may12.pdf> This is the rear of the application where it states:

Documentation from employer that you have worked not less than 6,000 hours in Massachusetts as a refrigeration apprentice or trainee

Documentation from employer that you have worked not less than 4,000 hours in Massachusetts as a refrigeration apprentice or trainee.

Documentation from employer that you have worked not less than 2,000 hours in Massachusetts as a refrigeration apprentice or trainee.

The question remains. Which is it? Why does an apprentice need to have to have dual apprenticeships one with the Department of Public Safety and One with the Department of Labor and Industry? Can they be a "trainee" What is the definition of trainee in the regulations? Is there one, I could not find it.

The Apprentice Licensure by the Department of Public Safety is not in question here. I think everyone agrees to that point. The burden of requiring the apprentice and his employing company to be registered with the Department of Labor and Industry is, in my opinion, a bit excessive and should be eliminated from the regulation as it causes a hardship on all concerned. It changes the apprentice ratio to journeymen as well as adds additional obstacles to a student who may have completed a 2000 hour course at an approved Chapter 74 School.

If we look at this requirement for an education and training point of view. There are roughly twenty three Chapter 74 vocational schools that offer an HVACR program. Of that 19 of them are regional school systems that represent roughly 180 cities and towns in the Commonwealth and there are three municipal vocational schools that represent an additional 3 cities. On average at any given time there are 1104 students at varying phases in the HVACR education cycle.

If we look just at Worcester County. There are five vocational schools representing 32 cities and towns with over 240 HVACR Students in the programs and yet there are only 3 approved Refrigeration Sponsors with the Department of Labor. **Exhibit # 3 (attached)** Of these three one is a Labor Union another is Fitchburg State University and the last is a small contractor in Sutton Massachusetts. I ask, how many apprentices can these three entities hire out of the 240 students we produce in Worcester County? Maybe one or two a year. What about the other 238 students that just spent the last four years learning the trade? How will they get their Refrigeration License?

The majority of our students are hired by small mom and pop contractors upon graduation. This is where they learn the ropes of the trade. These companies have usually less than twenty employees. There is no reason to require these companies to establish formal apprenticeship programs.

The only thing that the requirement of dual licensing accomplishes is to insure that the majority of Licensed Refrigeration Technicians are union affiliated. I don't believe that that is the intent of the Board but it is one of the unintended consequences of this regulation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or required clarification.

Respectfully,

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3	Able Engineering	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Boston
4	Air Masters HVAC Services of New England, Inc.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Fall River
5	B & B MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	BILLERICA
6	Belmont Engineering, Inc.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Belmont
7	BETTER COMFORT SYSTEMS, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	MALDEN
8	CRANNEY COMPANIES, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	DANVERS
9	CRS Refrigeration Specialists, Inc.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	N Billerica
10	DANIEL R. CULLEN JR. HVAC INC.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Malden
11	DeMelo Plumbing, Heating & A.C., Inc.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Hudson
12	E. AMANTI & SONS, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	SALEM
13	East Air Mechanical, Inc.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Saugus
14	ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	ATTLEBORO
15	Fitchburg State University	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Fitchburg
16	NORTHEAST DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	WHITMAN
17	Phoenix Air Services, Inc.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Chelmsford
18	Royal Air Systems, Inc.	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	N Reading
19	SS SERVICE CORP	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	TAUNTON
20	UGL-DTZ	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	AUBURNDALE
21	Unique Indoor Comfort	REFRIGERATION / AC MECHANIC	Woburn
22	DAVID R. NORTHUP ELECTRICAL CONTR, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AIR COND. MECHANIC	AGAWAM
23	PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 537	REFRIGERATION / AIR COND. MECHANIC	DORCHESTER
24	PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS L.U. No.51 JAC	REFRIGERATION / AIR COND. MECHANIC	E PROVIDENCE
25	SPRINGFIELD PLBRS & PIPEFITTERS L.U. #104 JATC	REFRIGERATION / AIR COND. MECHANIC	CHICOPEE
26	WORCESTER PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL #4	REFRIGERATION / AIR COND. MECHANIC	WEST BOYLSTON
27	BIG Y FOODS, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AIR CONDITION MECHANIC	SPRINGFIELD
28	BUILDING TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERS / EMCOR	REFRIGERATION / AIR CONDITION MECHANIC	STONEHAM
29	Callahan Air Conditioning & Heating Services	REFRIGERATION / AIR CONDITION MECHANIC	N ANDOVER
30	Equity Office Properties	REFRIGERATION / AIR CONDITION MECHANIC	Boston
31	Lake Industries, Inc.	REFRIGERATION / AIR CONDITION MECHANIC	Stoneham
32	M C L MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.	REFRIGERATION / AIR CONDITION MECHANIC	W SPRINGFIELD
33	RENAUD HVAC & CONTROLS, INC	REFRIGERATION / AIR CONDITION MECHANIC	SUTTON

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	Lead	Project	Notes
		PROJECT UPDATES: What did you do, what are you going to do, what are the impediments?	
1	HED	EF	Status of development scheme from EEA?
2	DOT	Green Line Ext	Support needed?
3	EEA/G OV	State-owned Lands	Need to have "plug and play" language in RFPs in order to scope desired development schemes. Support needed?
4	DOT	Allston i90	Support needed?
5	ALL	Establish Working Group for State Piers	Seaport Council funding economic /business assessment
6	ALL	New Bedford	Note correspondence with Mayor's office
7	DOT	PMT – capital planning coordination	Due Jan. 2016. Support needed?
8	EEA	Global Warming Solutions Act/Clean Energy Climate Plan	Support needed?
9	EEA	Climate Change Resiliency and Adaptation	Support needed?
10	HED	Legislative Plan input	Draft overview of legislation will be circulated.
11	DOT	Project Selection Advisory Council	Need to define/rate "Economic Impact" of projects. Prompted by note from Jessica Strunkin of the 495partnership and who sits on the Council
12	HED	Boston Harbor Garage	Meeting with EEA was "meet and greet"
		PROJECT PIPELINE (Upcoming Discussions)	
1	DOT	South Station Expansion	
2	HED	Mass Eye & Ear	
3	HED	Southfield	Development team asking for an existing design-build contract DOT has with the Southfield redevelopment authority be used
4	HED	Opportunity Zones	
5	EEA	North Harbor site in Lynn	Property owner's obligation under the swap agreement? HED working with EEA
		GOT IT DONE	
1	EEA	HUD National Disaster Grant	Submitted
2	HED	Amazon / Fall River	Complete
3	DOT	Sullivan Square Working Group	Kicked off
4	HED	City of Lynn Working Group	Kicked off
5	ALL	Sustainable Development Principles	Feedback provided from all Secretariats
6	HED	Economic Development Plan input	Plan being submitted for approval by GOV 12/15
7	ALL	Seaport Council	Council met on 11/20. Second round underway.
8	HED	City of Beverly – Brimball Ave.	DOT and MassWorks working together. Onus is on city for next steps.

