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Michael G. Winters Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. 116 Hopping Brook Road Holliston, MA 01746

Re: Laser Beam Operator

Dear Mr. Winters,

This letter is written to confirm that the "Laser Beam Operator" classification on the prevailing wage schedule is the correct classification for a worker operating a precision laser layout tool, such as a Hilti PLC 400, on a public works construction site.

Advancements in construction layout instruments based upon laser measurements and digital technologies have added to increased efficiency and accuracy across all trades. Operators of laser positioning layout tools do not require a craft work license regardless of the trade for which they are recording field measurements and the task of producing a digital layout does not vary whether said measurements are taken to plan locations for electrical, plumbing, or sheet metal duct runs.

The department of Labor Standards sets the rate for the operator of construction laser measuring tools such as the Hilti PLC 400 at the "Laser Beam Operator" rate as that rate appears on our prevailing wage schedules.

I hope this information is helpful.

Very truly yours,

John H. Ronan General Counsel

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