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Notice of Hearing

The Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards (DLS) will conduct a hearing at 10am on November 6, 2024 concerning the appropriate job classifications for the repair, maintenance, and operation of fire alarm systems. This hearing will be conducted online via WebEx (<https://eolwdma.webex.com/eolwdma/j.php?MTID=mfcc534f66f44ed666423a6cadff5d311>).

DLS previously issued an opinion letter dated April 18, 1997 stating that the Telecommunications Technician job classification could be used to cover the “repair, maintenance, and operation” of fire alarm systems, while the Electrician job classification covered the “installation of fire alarm systems.” DLS looks to collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) between unions and employers to establish the appropriate wage rates and job classifications on public works construction projects. A recent CBA submitted to DLS contained evidence suggesting that the Telecommunications Technician job classification may no longer cover the “repair, maintenance, and operation” of fire alarm systems in at least part of Massachusetts. The November 6, 2024 hearing will therefore cover what classifications may be used for the repair, maintenance, and operation of fire alarm systems in different regions of the Commonwealth.

Interested parties and/or duly authorized agents thereof may attend the hearing and submit testimony regarding the appropriate job classifications for fire alarm repair, maintenance, and operation in any or all parts of Massachusetts. Written evidence may also be submitted prior to the hearing via email. Persons who want to submit evidence prior to the hearing or otherwise have questions or need further information should contact General Counsel Nick Rose at nicholas.w.rose@mass.gov or 617-626-6837.

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