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Dear Mr. Tallberg:

This letter responds to your request of the Department of Labor and Industries ("DLI") to determine if the provisions of the prevailing wage law, M.G.L. c. 149, § 26 - 27H, apply to the Sherwood Forest Road District (the "District").

It is stated several times in chapter 149 that all projects undertaken by "the commonwealth, or by a county, town, or district" (emphasis added) require payment of prevailing wage rates. Your District, as established by Chapter 380 of the Acts of 1982 and defined by M.G.L. c. 40, § 1A, is clearly a "district" under the provisions of chapter 149 and is required to adhere to the requirements of the prevailing wage law for all construction and public works projects.

The Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. c. 30B, similarly states that all "district[s]" are required to adhere to its provisions. However, DLI does not administer chapter 30B and I encourage you to contact the appropriate agency for an official determination.

I have enclosed a copy of our *Guide for Awarding Authorities* to help you comply with the requirements of the prevailing wage law. Also enclosed is the request form needed to acquire prevailing wage schedules for upcoming projects.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Prezioso".

Robert J. Prezioso

cc: Spencer Demetros, Esq., DLI General Counsel
Representative Shawn P. Kelly