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Re: Prevailing wage rates; field engineers.

Dear Mr. Lancome:

In response to your inquiry regarding the applicability of the prevailing wage law to persons employed as field engineers on public works projects -- including MWRA's Boston Harbor Project -- I offer the following points of clarification:

1. In a decision dated July 11, 1995, the Department of Labor and Industries ("DLP") determined that field engineers hired to provide pre-construction survey data for design and engineering purposes are not subject to the prevailing wage law (as opposed to survey work performed as part of the construction process). A copy of the decision is attached for your convenience.
2. All prevailing wage schedules issued prior to November 16, 1995 included three job classifications for field engineering work: Field Engineer - Instrument Person, Field Engineer - Rod Person, and Field Engineer - Chief of Party. Field engineers employed on all construction projects utilizing a wage schedule issued prior to November 16, 1995 are required to be paid prevailing wage rates.
3. Since November 16, 1995, all prevailing wage schedules have been amended to include the words "Building & Site" next to each of the three job classifications listed above. Only field engineers employed on Building and Site construction projects -- as opposed to Heavy and Highway construction projects -- for which a wage schedule was issued on or after November 16, 1995 are required to be paid prevailing wage rates.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Prezioso". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Robert J. Prezioso

cc: Spencer Demetros, DLI General Counsel
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