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Michael R. Milanoski South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation 223 Shea Memorial Drive South Weymouth, MA 02190

Re: Applicability of the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law

Dear Mr. Milanoski:

This letter responds to your request for a determination of whether the Massachusetts prevailing wage law, M.G.L. ch. 149, §§ 26 - 27D, applies to construction and renovation work performed by contractors at the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation (the "Corporation").

The Corporation was created by Chapter 301 of the Acts of 1998, which, in section 27, states, "The Corporation shall be subject to all laws applicable to municipal redevelopment authorities created under section 4 of chapter 121B of the General Laws". The prevailing wage law, in M.G.L. ch. 149, § 26, requires workers engaged in the construction of public works undertaken "by the Commonwealth, or by a county, town, *authority*, or district" (emphasis added) to be paid prevailing wage rates.

For the foregoing reason, the Massachusetts prevailing wage law applies to the Corporation.

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

Sincerely,

Robert J. Prezioso

Deputy Director

cc:

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