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Mr. Joseph D. Giurleo, Chief Estimator
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Re: Determination of Occupational Classifications for Installing Conduit.

Dear Mr. Giurleo:

This letter responds to your request for a determination on the proper occupational classification that should be used for workers who install conduits for telecommunication systems wiring. You ask if the Telecommunications Technician occupational classification is the correct occupational classification.

The Division of Occupational Safety issues prevailing wage schedules, which include occupational classifications and rates of wages, for public works construction projects based on "collective bargaining agreements or understandings in the private construction industry between organized labor and employers." See M.G.L. ch. 149, §26.

The correct occupational classification for workers who install conduit for telecommunications system wiring is **Telecommunication Technician**. (See the relevant portions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Electrical Workers Union Local 103, E.B.E.W. of Greater Boston and Electrical Contractors Association of Greater Boston, Inc. Boston Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association; and the Telecommunications Agreement governing the Teledata Industry of Greater Boston between Electrical Workers Union Local 103, I.B.E.W. and Electrical Contractors Association of Greater Boston, Inc. Boston Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association).