Prevailing Wage Opinion Letter 06-22-06

June 22, 2006

I am writing in response to your request for this Office's written opinion regarding the applicability of the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law, G.L. c. 149, §§26-27. Specifically, you have asked whether the testing of water meters is subject to the state prevailing wage law.

Please be advised that the testing of water meters in connection with an installation or repair project requires the payment of prevailing wage rates. However, prevailing wages are not required for routine testing not associated with installation, alteration, or repair work.

I hope this information has been helpful. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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