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**NOTICE TO AWARDING AUTHORITIES REGARDING RATE
SHEETS FOR TRASH HAULING RATES**

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Please note that prevailing wage rates for trash/recycling disposal, issued by the Department of Labor Standards (DLS) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149 §27F, shall remain in effect for the duration of the contract term. However, if the prevailing wage rate sheet issued does not contain wage rates that cover the entire contract term, the Awarding Authority has the legal obligation to request updated rate sheets from DLS and provide them to the contractor(s) to ensure the correct rates are being paid throughout the duration of the contract. Pursuant to Rego v. Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts, Mass. Appeals court No. 2021-P-0227 (2022), employers have an affirmative obligation to pay the prevailing wage rates in effect for each contract year. Any exercise of an option to renew or extend the contract term will require a new schedule of rates. Please call DLS at 617-626-6976 if you have any questions regarding this Notice. See Rego v. Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts, Mass. Appeals court No. 2021-P-0227 (2022).