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Wayne J. Griffin, President
Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc.
116 Hopping Brook Rd.
Holliston, MA 01746

Re: Clarification of permissible work under the "telecommunication technician" job classification on prevailing wage projects.

Dear Mr. Griffin:

It has been brought to my attention that I have provided you with inaccurate information concerning the permissible work of a "telecommunication technician" on prevailing wage projects.

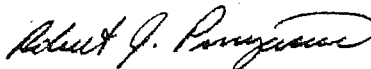
Michael P. Monahan, Business Agent of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 103, in a letter to me dated April 8, 1997 (attached), points out that the "telecommunication technician" job classification does not cover the installation of fire alarm systems. It does, however, cover the repair, maintenance, and operation of such systems.

As you know, the Division of Occupational Safety (DOS) looks to collective bargaining agreements between unions and employers to establish wage rates and job classifications on public works construction projects. The "scope of work" section of the Telephone Interconnect Agreement between the Electrical Workers Union, Local 103, I.B.E.W. and the Electrical Contractors Association of Greater Boston, Inc. clearly states that "[t]he repair, maintenance and operation of fire alarm systems" is performed by "telecommunications technicians" (relevant portions attached). Furthermore, a letter from Paul J. Ward, Esq., Business Manager of Local 103, to Stewart Field of my office dated March 18, 1997 affirms that the installation of fire alarm systems is performed by journeymen electricians (copy attached).

I apologize for my error in telling you that the installation of fire alarm systems may be performed by "telecommunication technicians." That work must be performed by a journeyman electrician on all public works construction projects.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Prezioso,
Deputy Director

cc: Michael P. Monahan, Business Agent, Local 103
Gayann Wilkinson, Deputy Director, Div. of Apprentice Training
✓ Stewart Field, Program Manager, DOS
Helen Moreschi, Chief, Attorney General's Fair Labor Division