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Re: Wage Schedules for Housing Authority Employees

Dear Ms. Bukoski:

I spoke with the Auburn Housing Authority's ("AHA") counsel, Karen Ahlers, Esq., regarding the applicability of wage schedules issued by the Department of Labor and Industries ("DLI") to AHA's employees. Attorney Ahlers asked me to write to you to clarify whether AHA has a legal obligation to pay the minimum wages set by the Commissioner of DLI pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 121B, § 29 on federally funded projects.

The above-cited statute exempts from the wage requirements "federally aided" projects. I was informed that the AHA projects at issue receive a significant portion of their funding from the federal government. Therefore, the AHA is not required to pay its employees the wage rates specified on the wage sheets issued by DLI pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 121B, § 29 for those projects.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

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