ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS – SB 854

Effective April 1, 2015, in addition to having a Contractor's License (CSLB) in good standing, all contractors and subcontractors performing public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to bid and/or perform maintenance and public works projects in California. This is a result of Senate Bill 854 which was signed into law on June 20, 2014. The Orange County Fire Authority and other government agencies <u>will not</u> be able to award contracts to any contractor or subcontractor that is not registered with the DIR.

"Public works" refers to construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work (including maintenance) done under contract and paid by public funds. Public works projects do not include those done by a public agency with its own employees.

With minor exceptions, all workers employed on public works projects must be paid the prevailing wage determined by the Director of the DIR according to the type of work and location. The prevailing wage rates are usually based on rates specified in collective bargaining agreements and can be found on the DIR website.

Effective April 1, 2015, OCFA is required to submit Form PWC-100 to DIR for public projects valued at \$1,000 or more. Certified payrolls are to be submitted by the Contractor directly to DIR. Information regarding the DIR Contractor Registration Program and compliance can be accessed on the DIR website at <u>http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-works/PublicWorks.html</u>.

Once your company has registered with the DIR, please **update** your profile as soon as possible on PlanetBids by entering in your DIR Registration number in the Classifications/Licenses tab.

Regards,

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