STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
Prevailing Wage
PO Box 44540 ● Olympia, Washington 98504-4540
360-902-5335

March 2012

Dear Survey Participant:

The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) is conducting this survey to gather wage and hour information for work performed by Ready Mix Truck Drivers, so that we may calculate the prevailing wage that will be required to be paid to workers on public works projects governed by chapter 39.12 RCW, Prevailing Wages on Public Works.

Prevailing wage is the hourly wage, benefits and overtime paid in the largest city in each county to the majority of workers in each trade. The law (RCW 39.12) requires L&I to establish a prevailing wage rate for each trade employed in public work. On the reverse side of this letter is the section of the prevailing wage rule [WAC 296-127-019(6)] that describes how we calculate the wage rate based on the data we receive on survey forms.

Your participation in this survey is extremely important, even if you don't perform public work. This survey reflects the local area wage conditions for work performed from **January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011**. The more complete and accurate the survey responses are that L&I receives, the more accurately the results will reflect the actual wages paid to Ready Mix Truck Drivers throughout the state. All identifying company information will be kept confidential.

Enclosed you will find:

- Instructions (beginning on the other side of this letter)
- Survey form
- "Description of Work" for Ready Mix Truck Drivers (on the back of the survey form)
- A postage-paid return envelope

We must receive your completed survey form **no later than June 30, 2012,** in order to include your wage and hour information in our calculations. You may return the survey form to us by mail, electronically as an email attachment, or by fax. Please see the instructions for further details.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Peppin in the Prevailing Wage Program at (360) 902-5304, or by e-mail to Pepn235@Lni.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

L. Ann Selover

L. Ann Selover
Industrial Statistician

03/30/2012

How L&I Sets Prevailing Wage Rates Based on Survey Results

WAC 296-127-019(6)

(6) Valid data reported on wage surveys shall be calculated, as follows:

(a) If the majority of hours reported for a trade or occupation in the largest city in a county is paid at the same wage rate, then that rate shall be established as the prevailing wage rate.

(b) If the same wage rate is not reported to have been paid for the majority of hours reported in the largest city in a county for a trade or occupation, then the average wage rate shall be established as the prevailing wage rate, based on a weighted average of the hours, wages, and benefits reported in the largest city.

(c) If a statistically significant number of hours fails to be reported for the largest city in a county, then the average wage rate for the county is established as the prevailing wage, based on a weighted average.

(d) If there fails to be reported for an entire county, sufficient hours to validate the survey data, that county's hours shall be combined with those reported for other counties that are adjacent, until the established hours threshold for validation has been met.*

*Please note in 2003 the use of data from adjacent counties to set prevailing wage rates was prohibited. See RCW 39.12.026.