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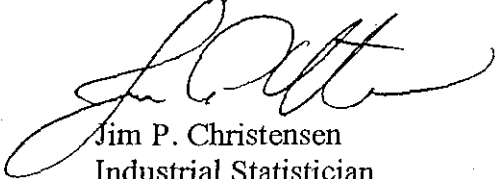
Dear Mr. Brady:

I have enclosed a copy of a recent letter in which Steve Martin of Northwest Fair Contracting Association requested a determination of the appropriate classification of labor for work he described. The work involved constructing a walkway using brick pavers on the Chief Moses Middle School project.

I have also enclosed copies of two scope of work descriptions published by the department which outline the work of Construction Laborers and Landscape Construction laborers. The Landscape Construction scope specifies that this wage is not appropriate for constructing foot paths or roads. On the other hand, the Laborer scope specifically encompasses both hand leveling and the laying of brick pavers.

I hope this serves to provide the information needed to resolve this question and that you will not hesitate to contact me with any further concerns.

Sincerely,



Jim P. Christensen
Industrial Statistician

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cc: Steve Martin

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Mr. Christensen,

As a result of an investigation by Northwest Fair Contracting Association (Association), it has been determined that Hidden Rivers Sprinkler Incorporated a subcontractor of Lydig Construction, performed work on the Chief Moses Middle School project in Moses Lake. The Association questions the rates of pay the employees working for Hidden Rivers Sprinkler Inc. received for work Performed on the project. The work being performed involved:

- 1) Level earth to fine grade specifications
- 2) The laying of brick pavers in beds of sand

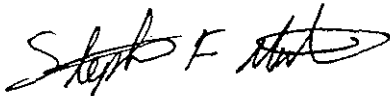
The employees that performed the work in question, appeared to have been paid Landscape Construction rates, as per the rates listed on the Intent to Pay Prevailing Wage and confirmation provided by the contractor in a telephone conversation on October 6, 1999. The Association believes the General Laborer rates, which are supported by the Washington State scope of work descriptions, should have been paid to the workers. The owner of the company (Hidden Rivers Sprinkler Inc.), Jeffrey Brady has informed the Association of his willingness to resolve this wage issue upon receiving a written determination from your department. His address is as follows:

Jeffrey Brady
Hidden Rivers Sprinkler, Inc.
1501 S. Hazelwood Rd.
Spokane, WA 99224
Telephone number: (509) 838-9063

The portion of the work that was contracted to Hidden Rivers Sprinkler Inc. has been completed. We would appreciate your attention to this matter.

Please call me when you have had an opportunity to review this information at (509) 766-7592.

Respectfully,



Steve Martin
Compliance Investigator

Cc: Peter Coates, NWFCA Dir.
Jim Walton, Department of Labor and Industries