

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES

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RE: New CMS Update #2

Dear elevator industry business, property owner or manager, or stakeholder,

This is the second of what will be a series of updates about our new Conveyance Management System (CMS). This update includes information on project bids, a proposed fee increase, and next steps. There is also background on CMS and how the project will help you as the customer, and our Elevator Program staff.

Background

Since 2006, L&I has used its current CMS database to provide permitting, inspection, and other information. Our current CMS is aging, failing, and no longer meets the needs of customers and staff. The \$3.52 million project to replace the database includes funds from state government and fee increases. The New CMS will include a secure customer portal for you to manage your account information, submitting applications and permits online, and immediate access to inspection results.

Project update

The <u>Washington State Department of Labor & Industries</u> (L&I) published a request for proposals in December. We received some project bids at the Jan. 26 deadline. In order to comply with state law, we can't disclose the number of bids we received until after one is selected.* From now through Feb. 18, we will evaluate the bids. After that, we will negotiate with the selected bidder with formal "onboarding" to start May 2.

Proposed fee increase

L&I is considering a <u>17 percent increase</u> in Elevator Program fees. The increase would help support the New CMS Project. You'll hear more about it in March. If approved, the increase would take effect Aug. 19. Between now and then, a public hearing will be scheduled.

Next steps

- Now through Feb. 18 Review project bids
- Feb. 15, 9 a.m. Elevator Safety Advisory Committee meeting. Click here to join the meeting, or call in at +1 253-372-2181,,152505975# (ID: 152 505 975#)
- May 2 Bidder selected and onboarding begins

If you have questions about the new system, please contact the Elevator Program, at 360-902-6456 or <u>ElevatorSect@Lni.wa.gov</u>.

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