

### STATE OF WASHINGTON

# **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES**

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RE: New CMS Project Update #3

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

We are on schedule for the activation of a new Conveyance Management System (CMS) about a year from now. This update includes what work is taking place; news about a fee increase that will be under consideration to help pay for the new system; and background on what the project is all about and how it will help you as the customer, and our Elevator Program staff.

# **Project update**

The <u>Washington State Department of Labor & Industries</u> (L&I) project team has been evaluating bids received by the Jan. 26 deadline. Vendors will demonstrate their proposed solutions, and we'll be asking a lot of questions. These talks will take place through early April. After that, we will be 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 and we will make sure that date is sent to customers.

### **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

#### **Next steps**

- Now through April 4 Contract negotiations, review technical solutions from bidders
- Late March Formal start of the consideration for a 17 percent fee increase funding the New CMS Project
- 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 ElevatorSect@Lni.wa.gov.

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