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Mark "Dut" Riker, Business Agent, Political Director
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Dear Mr. Riker:

Re: Modular Building Construction for Marysville School District

You have asked for a determination of the application of prevailing wages to the construction of a modular school building for the Marysville School District.

The answer below is based on the information provided. References to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) are included. If the facts differ, the answers may also be different.

In this instance, the new school was manufactured at Whitley Evergreen's factory assembled structures facility in Marysville.

RCW 39.12.020 requires that "The hourly wages to be paid to laborers, workers or mechanics, upon all public works and under all public building service maintenance contracts of the state or any county, municipality, or political subdivision created by its laws, shall be not less than the prevailing rate of wage for an hour's work in the same trade or occupation in the locality within the state where such work is performed."

The work described is public work. Payment of the prevailing rate of wage is required. Work performed at the site of the new school would be at the appropriate construction trade and occupation classifications. There is a difference, for certain factory work.

Public work performed to manufacture modular building units that are built to pre-approved plans in an established factory assembled structure facility, when those modular units are inspected by and bear the insignia of approval of the Department of Labor and Industries under the provisions of Chapter 43.22 RCW, may be performed at the

prevailing wage rate for Modular Buildings. Again, that is only for the work in the factory. On-site work is performed at construction rates.

The department plans the development of a scope of work that will be adopted as rule for the Modular Building trade and occupation classification. A wage survey to update the prevailing rates will be necessary.

Washington State prevailing wage information, including the WACs, are available on the Department's web site: <http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevWage/default.asp>

I hope this answers your questions. If you need additional information or have questions, please contact me at (360) 902-5330 or email me at somd235@lni.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Prevailing Wage Program Manager

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Soma, David (LNI)

From: Soma, David (LNI)
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 3:12 PM
To: Soma, David (LNI)
Subject: Marysville School

From: Mark Riker [mailto:MarkR@smw66.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2007 10:52 AM
To: Soma, David (LNI)
Subject: Marysville School

Dave,

Would the construction of this School for the Marysville School District fall under the provisions of Prevailing Wage? Here is the link to the Everett Herald Story of 8-6-07.

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20070806/NEWS01/708060345&SearchID=73289538678500>

Thanks,

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