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RE: Scope of Work for Construction of Packaged Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings

Dear Mr. Patterson:

This letter is in response to your request for a determination of the appropriate scope of work classification relating to the erection of packaged pre-engineered metal buildings to include all structural steel work, bolting of steel members, girts, purlins, vinyl insulation (when installed in conjunction with sheeting in packaged buildings), siding and roofing panels and components.

Unlike normal structures, a true packaged pre-engineered metal building system is a sophisticated structure. All structural members work together to support each other. The building system consists of integrated sets of mutually dependant components and assemblies that form a building. These include: primary and secondary structural framing, roof panels, wall panels, soffit panels and accessories. This monocoque method of construction and assembly in which the outer skin of a structure carries a significant portion of the stresses of the structural body as well as the close dynamic relationship between all component parts, makes these structures unique.

In making a determination for the appropriate scope of work classification, the department looks to the Prevailing Wage Law (Chapter 39.12 RCW and Chapter 296-127 WAC). In making this determination, I reviewed the scope of work descriptions for Carpenters, WAC 296-127-01333, Ironworkers, WAC 296-127-01339, and Sheet Metal Workers, WAC 296-127-01372. Additionally, I met with representatives of all three unions.

In my review of the relevant scopes of work, the only clear reference to packaged pre-engineered metal buildings appears in the Ironworkers scope of work. Although both the Carpenters and Sheet Metal Workers scopes of work make reference to metal roof decking and siding, the references are specific to structures other than packaged pre-

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engineered buildings. The scope of work for Ironworkers clearly includes the erection of steel and metal houses, packaged and pre-engineered buildings. The scopes of work for Carpenters and Sheet Metal Workers just as clearly omit that work. This is a significant distinction.

Several factors support the use of a single trade including the close integration of the structural shapes, structural bracing, shaped siding, end panels and roof panels along with the specific fastening and bracing methods, and the described methods of simultaneous erection of the component parts to create a monocoque structure.

Therefore, in response to your question, it is my determination that the erection of packaged pre-engineered metal buildings falls under the scope of work for Ironworkers, WAC 296-127-01339.

The department appreciates all of the information provided as well as the time and effort invested by everyone involved.

I hope this letter serves to address your request. If you have any questions or need additional assistance please contact me at 360 902-5330.

Sincerely,

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