The role of: The Clerk of the Works





By: Blake Osness

Prevailing Wage

- The hourly wage, usual benefits and overtime, paid to the majority of workers, laborers, and mechanics within a particular area.
- Established by regulatory agencies for each trade and occupation, employed in the performance of public work.
- Determined annually on July 1, and effective through June 30 in NYS.
- Determined by virtue of collective bargaining agreements between labor organizations and employees of the private sector.



History of Prevailing Wage

- In an effort to get Americans back to work during the Great Depression, Congress passed the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931, signed into law by President Herbert Hoover
- This federal law established the requirement for paying the local prevailing wages on public works projects for laborers and mechanics.
- It applies to contractors and subcontractors performing on federally funded or assisted contracts in excess of \$2,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair (including painting and decorating) of public buildings or public works.



Public Works

- A public entity must be a party to a contract involving the employment of laborers, workers or mechanics.
- The contract must concern a public work project.
- To be public work, the project's primary objective must benefit the public.
- Under NYS labor law: no laborer performing public work shall work more than 8 hours per day or 5 days per week, except in cases of "extraordinary emergency."

Article 8 Section 220, NYS Labor Law



Certified Payroll

- Certified payrolls are original payrolls or transcripts thereof, subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalty of perjury.
- Original payrolls or transcripts are required to be preserved for five years from the date of completion of work.



Certified Payroll Compliance

- This compliance is a legal obligation that the SCWA is required to abide by as described by the NYS Department of Labor Law (Article 8 & (Section 220).
- Predominantly all of the Prevailing Wages are determined by collective bargaining agreements.



Certified Payroll Compliance

- We are mandated to collect certified payrolls and review them for facial validity.
- SCWA is the Contracting Agency also known as the Department of Jurisdiction.





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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORK



CERTIFICATION OF OFFICER OF CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR

I.		, am an officer with the title
Sector and	NAME OF OFFICER	to a second Also
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and am authorized by that firm to sign and swear to the validity and accuracy of the statements below:

 I pay or supervise the payment of laborers, workers and mechanics employed by on the

project. During the payroll period commencing on the ______ day of ______ 20____ and ending the _____ day of ______ 20____, all laborers, workers and mechanics employed on said project were paid the wages and supplements recorded as earned on the attached payroll records. No deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the wages and supplements other than deductions shown on the payroll records.

(2) The payroll records submitted for the above period and attached hereto are correct and complete. The number of hours shown for each employee reflects the actual hours worked by that employee. The classification shown for each employee is accurate and conforms with the work he or she performed.

THE WILLFUL FALSIFICATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS MAY SUBJECT THE SIGNATORY OF THIS CERTIFICATION AND CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

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U.S. Department of Labor



PAYROLL



(For Contractor's Optional Use; See Instructions at www.dol.gov/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm)

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While completion of Form WH-347 is optional, it is mandatory for covered contractors and subcontractors performing work on Federally financed or assisted construction contracts to respond to the information collection contained in 29 C.F.R. §§ 3.3, 5 5(a). The Copeland Act (40 U S C § 3145) contractors and subcontractors performing work on Federally financed or assisted construction contracts to the weeks paid each employee during the preceding week." U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) regulations at 29 C.F.R. § 5 5(a)(3)(in require contractors to submit weekly a copy of all payrolls to the Federal agency contracting for or financing the construction project, accompanied by a signed "Statement of Compliance" indicating that the payrolls are correct and complete and that each faborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the proper Davis-Bacon prevaiing wage rate for the work performed. DOL and federal contracting agences receiving this information to determine that errolypoes that encode legally required wages and things benefits.

Public Burden Statement

We estimate that is will take an average of 55 minutes to complete this collection, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspect of this collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, send them to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room \$3502, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210

THIS CERTIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED ON EACH WEEKLY PAYROLL FORM USED BY THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR

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(Nome of signatory party)	
(Name of signatory party)	(Title)
do hereby state:	
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(4) That:	
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in the above referenced payroll, payments of fringe benefits as listed in the contract have been or will be made to appropriate programs for the benefit of such employees, except as noted in Section 4(c). (b) WHERE FRINGE BENEFITS ARE PAID IN CASH

Each laborer, worker, or mechanic listed in the above-referenced payroll has been paid, as indicated on the payroll, an amount not less than the sum of the applicable basic hourly wage rate plus the amount of the required fringe benefits as listed in the contract, except as noted in Section 4(c) below.

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THE WILLFUL FALSIFICATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS	MAY SUBJECT THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR
TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. SEE ARTICLES 8 AND 9.	



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WEEKLY PAYROLL

For Contractor's Optional Use

The use of this form meets payroll notification requirements; as stated on the Payroll Records Notification.

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WEEKLY PAYROLL

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This certification must be completed on each weekly payroll form used by the contractor of subcontractor

Date

(Name of signatory party)	,, do hereby state: (1) Tha	t I pay or supervise	the payment of the persons employed by
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and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned by any person, other than permissible deductions in Articles 8 and 9 and described below.

(2) That any payrolls submitted for the above period are correct and complete; that the wage rates for laborers, workers, or mechanics contained therein are not less than the classifications set forth therein for each laborer, worker, or mechanic and conform with the work he/she performed.

(3) That any apprentice employed in the above period are duly enrolled in a bona fide apprentice program registered with the State of New York Apprenticeship Training Bureau.

(4) (a) Where fringe benefits are paid in cash: Each laborer, worker, or mechanic listed in the above referenced payroll has been paid, as indicated on the payroll, an amount not less than the sum of the applicable basic hourly rate plus the amount of the required fringe benefits as listed in the contract.

(b) Where fringe benefits are paid to approved plans, funds, or programs: In addition to the basic hourly wage rates paid to each laborer, worker, or mechanic listed in the above referenced payroll, payments of fringe benefits as listed in the contract have been or will be made to appropriate programs for the benefit of such employees.

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see Article 8 and 9 of the Labor Law







Clerk of the Works

- Every SCWA vendor or contractor is under contract obligation to follow the rules set forth.
- It is my role to ensure vendors are in compliance with their SCWA contract.
- The Clerk of the Works ensures protocol is followed by:
 - Contractors
 - Contractor's employees
 - SCWA departments



Workflow

- All certified payroll and notary certificates are attached to the invoice and routed to Clerk of the Works for approval.
- Accounts payable works closely with Clerk of the Works to resolve any discrepancies in the certified payroll or notary certificates before the contractor is paid.



Workflow [Engineering]

Invoice received

Project Engineer

Blake Osness (Clerk of the Works)





Manual vs. Automatic Process

- With the manual process, C/M certified payroll was separated from the service entry sheet and the review process by the Clerk of the Works occurred later.
- The automated process holds the *contractor accountable at the beginning* of the process because Accounts Payable is reviewing the package.
- AP ensures dates on the invoice match the dates on the certified payroll.
- The documents are all related and stay together throughout the workflow.
- Retrievable by multiple departments.
- The Clerk of the Works is now able to audit the wages on all of the certified payrolls, before the payment is made. Any problems are addressed right away.



Certified Payroll & Notary Certificate NYS DOL Requirement - Prevailing Wage

Manual Process

- Package separated by department.
- Contractor sometimes submitted certified payroll separately.
- No way of knowing if reviewed by Clerk of the Works.

Automated Process

- Documents remain together.
- Contractor accountability from the beginning.
- 100% reviewed by Clerk of the Works prior to payment.



Amended Wage Adjustment

- Each calendar quarter, the law requires liable employers to report their payroll and pay unemployment insurance contributions.
- Amendments to a report must be made in the quarter in which the error is made.



Enforcement

- NYS Department of Labor is the enforcement agency.
- NYS DOL can inform the Clerk of the Works of potential suspicious activity from contractors
- NYS DOL conducts routine inspections of contractors.
- Consistent dialogue with Clerk of the Works.



Prosecution

- NYS District Attorney's Office is the prosecution agency in labor matters.
- Penalties vary by case, whether the defendant willfully or unwittingly violated the law, etc.
- Penalty may be interest up to 16% from the date of underpayments to the date of restitution and a penalty of up to 25% of the wages, supplements and interest due.
- Possible jail time.



Questions?

