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Dear Mr. Martinson:

This letter is to respond to your request for a determination specifically relating to the correct Scope of Work for the installation of a sheet metal roof on public work projects.

It has been the Department's long standing practice and position that the appropriate classification for the installation of a sheet metal roof is that of Sheet Metal Worker on public works projects. This installation work must be paid at a rate not less than the prevailing rate of wage for Sheet Metal Worker.

The plain language contained in the Scope of Work for Roofers (WAC 296-127-01370) states that Roofers apply and install *all* types of roofing materials, *other than sheet metal*. It is clear from this language that the Scope of Work for Roofers is not the appropriate classification for this work.

You expressed your concern and belief that contactors installing sheet metal roofs on public works are compensating workers at prevailing wage rates established for carpenters.

As you point out, there is similar language in both the Carpenters and Sheet Metal Workers Scope of Work descriptions. Both of these Scope of Work descriptions include the installation of metal siding and *metal roof decking*, regardless of the fastening method, or what it is fastened to. This language also is contained in the Ironworkers scope.

The reference to "roof decking" in these scopes refers to the material installed over the supporting framing members of a structure to which the roofing material is applied. The reference to "roof decking" is not referring to the actual roofing material itself.

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Carpenters, Sheet Metal workers and Ironworkers can do metal siding or metal roof decking. Clearly, the Roofers scope does not allow Roofers to install sheet metal roofing materials. Carpenters work on materials including metal when it takes the place of wood. Sheet metal roofing materials do not take the place of wood, and therefore the appropriate prevailing rate of wage and Scope of Work applicable for the installation of a sheet metal roof is that of Sheet Metal Worker. Workers are entitled to be paid at least the prevailing rate of wage for Sheet Metal workers in the county in which this work is being performed.

However, Sheet Metal Worker would not be the appropriate classification if the sheet metal roof is being installed in connection with the erection of a pre-engineered packaged metal building. The appropriate classification for the erection of a pre-engineered packaged metal building is that of Ironworker (WAC 296-127-01339).

I hope this letter serves to address your request. If you have any further questions or need further clarification, feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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