

Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2006 - Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee

Attendees:

1. Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee Members: Rick Slunaker (Associated General Contractors), Allan Darr (Operating Engineers Local 302) , Terry Tilton for Dave Johnson (Building Construction Trades Council), Randy Dubigk (WSDOT), Linda Alexander (Benton County PUD), Jim Justin (Assn of WA Cities) and Chris Elwell (Seattle/King Co. Building Trades Council)
2. L&I Staff: Dave Soma, Ramona Christensen-Russell, Gustavo Aviles, Reasa Nottingham, Linda Louise, Trista Zuegel, Josh Swanson, Judy Schurke
3. Other Participants: Dan Taylor, Carl Hanson, Roy Roberts, Bob Abbott, Dave O’Meara, Kirk Deal, Earl Smith, Paul Ingham, Darrell Chapman, Doug Smith, Bruce Chattin, Diane Beech, Judith Hartman, Peter Guzman, Leiter Hockett, Randy Loomans, Roger Johanson, Miriam Israel Moses

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Opening Remarks Introductions	The meeting was opened by Dave Soma at 9:10 a.m., and all present introduced themselves.		
Review and approve minutes from last meeting	Chris Elwell made the motion and Terry Tilton seconded and all voted in favor of approving the minutes of the September 28, 2006 meeting with the change of Chris Elwell’s organization to Seattle/King Co. Building Trades Council instead of Labor Council.		
Legislative Update	Dave Soma talked about the legislation being proposed by L&I to provide clarification that public employees are not covered by prevailing wage laws, nor are they to be included in the survey process. The Committee stated that they would like more about the actual bill and wanted Josh Swanson there to explain the bill better so that they understood exactly what was being proposed. Josh came later in the meeting and passed out the fact sheets and talked about the legislation.		

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Legislative Update Continued	<p>There was discussion about the other legislation being proposed throughout L&I but Allan Darr asked that next time Josh Swanson only talk about the legislation for Prevailing Wage.</p> <p>Jim Justin asked if Josh Swanson could make sure he knew the bill number.</p> <p>The group does a lot of lobbying at the Capital so Allan Darr also asked that they get to see the package in its entirety – down to the fact sheets, etc.</p> <p>The group said a website with legislation information on it would be good and Josh Swanson said that was currently being worked on and he would let group know when it was ready to go.</p>	<p>Josh Swanson is to get the entire legislation package to the PWAC – including the fact sheets.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of Work Update • Subcontractors on Affidavits Update 	<p><u>Scope of Work:</u> There are currently 4 scopes of work in draft that the subcommittee is working on. There are about 13 others that the committee will have to decide on which to start on next when the 4 they are currently working on are through.</p> <p><u>Subcontractors on Affidavits:</u> This subcommittee is moving forward. They are talking about contractors listing their subcontractors 1 tier below them on the Affidavit Form.</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach and Education • Legal Update • Determinations 	<p><u>Outreach and Education:</u> A handout of the next Contractor Training Days was passed out to the group.</p> <p>Terry Tilton asked if these trainings were open to anyone and it was stated that they were. Jim Justin asked how they were advertised and it was said that it was through a List Serve. Jim Justin asked if he could be added to this list as did Terry Tilton. Rick Slunaker mentioned that it was quite a process to add someone to this list. He asked that maybe the announcements be sent to the Prevailing Wage Staff instead they could then forward it to the Committee members in a format that they could just cut and past from and forward on to a much bigger audience.</p> <p><u>Legal Update:</u> Dave Soma discussed the Legal Review handout which contained a brief summary of some cases under legal review by L&I.</p> <p>L&I held a Public Hearing on November 27, 2006 for the Street Sweeper, Solar Controls for Windows and the Stage Rigging Mechanics scopes of works. Two people testified in support of the scopes. The scopes will be posted no later than the first of February.</p> <p><u>Determinations:</u> Dave Soma handed out the determinations that have been made since the last Committee meeting. They were determinations on calculations of overtime and reconsideration of job classification for baler operator.</p>	<p>Dave Soma will contact Shari Purves-Reiter in SCS Outreach & Education and ask for the contractor training day announcements to be emailed to Prevailing Wage in the future on an on-going bases so that we can then send it to the Committee.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determinations, cont. • Surveys • Process Improvement 	<p>There is a determination to still be done concerning a baler operator that has no current scope of work. and</p> <p>There was discussion about the project that has been ongoing for years to pull all the prevailing wage policies into one place. Prevailing Wage currently has temporary help working on this project. Rick Slunaker has asked that there be more resources added for this project to get it done once and for all. Bob Abbott asked that L&I be careful because he was worried about where the resource would be taken from.</p> <p><u>Surveys: Gustavo Aviles passed out two handouts – one was the Prevailing Wage Scopes of Work and Industrial Insurance Risk Classifications and the second was Draft Schedule of Surveys Through August 2009.</u></p> <p>Dave O’Meara wanted to know why painters had been moved into Group 3 because they had not been on the last schedule that Gustavo Aviles had passed out. He had been fine with the groupings before and now there were too many classifications lumped together for them. He wants them put back in Group 4 where they were before.</p>	<p>Rick Slunaker asked that it be added to a “list” of scopes that the Scopes Subcommittee will work be working on.</p> <p>Rick Slunaker made the motion and Jim Justin seconded the motion that the Committee take a formal position on getting L&I to get more resources for the policy book project. They will talk to Judy, Patrick & Ernie.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys cont... 	<p>The groupings were changed based on a request made at the last Survey meeting outside of the PWAC and it was requested of the department that classifications that were similar be lumped together. Randy Loomans and Bob Abbott said that this was what was requested because they did not want to have to do a survey every year – they would rather get them over with all at once.</p> <p>Rick Slunaker stated that he had not been invited to the table and that if decisions of this nature were being made then all should be at the table. Most of the group stated that they had already mailed the original Survey Schedule that Gustavo Aviles had sent to their affiliates.</p> <p>Dave Soma stated that this was a draft schedule and the department would do what it could but we may not be able to meet all the demands.</p> <p>The Committee also wanted to know what was up with Group 6 because it was obvious that most of these did not belong together and should not be separated – they wanted to see them tied into the groups they obviously belong to. This group is made up of trades that have no current description so Gustavo Aviles was hesitant to group them yet as well as the other groups are already so large and at the limit of the department resources.</p>	<p>Gustavo Aviles will do what he can to move Group 6 with similar trades as well as to see what he can do about Group 3. He will send a new draft to the group then.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys cont... • Budget • Process Improvement 	<p>It was also asked if the department might step up the surveys on the truck drivers – actually set a date.</p> <p>Rick Slunaker stated that he thought this was a good approach to the groupings.</p> <p>Judy Schurke, L&I Interim Director, made an appearance at the meeting. She wanted the Committee to know that she is fully dedicated to the Prevailing Wage Program and its success. She plans on attending a whole meeting in the future.</p> <p><u>Budget:</u> Rick Slunaker asked for a quick rundown on the budget. Dave Soma said that it was at the OFM and was still in good shape and had not changed.</p> <p><u>Process Improvement:</u> The last GMAP presentation was passed out and Dave Soma went over it briefly.</p> <p>Rick Slunaker asked about number 9 on Process Improvement part – doing an NOV against the subcontractor that is at fault even when the Prime pays the wages so that they can get the retainage and bond released. Rick Slunaker said that even though it is of utmost importance to get the workers their money he believes in all parties being held accountable so he thought this action plan was a good one.</p>	<p>Rick asked that in future the Committee be kept in the loop of what was going on in Prevailing wage so that the Committee could do what they could to help us get the funding we needed to be operational.</p> <p>It was asked that plans like number 9 be published and get out to the public so that they can see what L&I is trying to do.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process Improvement cont... 	<p>Rick Slunaker also said that he appreciates all the hard work the Prevailing Wage Staff is doing – do more of it. He said it was satisfying to be a part of the process but ask for help.</p>		
<p>Dates and Locations for upcoming meetings</p>	<p>Next PWAC committee meeting scheduled at the department’s Tumwater office on March 15, 2007, in Room S117, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Scope of Work subcommittee will meet in the same room from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>		