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Re: WSDOT Contract 7809
Bridge 99/560 Pedestrian Fence
Potential Prevailing Wage Violation

Dear Mr. Dubigk:

Thank you for your August 22 letter in which you discussed a potential prevailing wage violation regarding the referenced project.

Unfortunately, I could not access the link you provided for the contract specifications and plans. However, I was able to locate many details on the project from the following web site location: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/collections/72157623786319757>. Based on the information you provided, that obtained from the referenced web site, and details from Mr. Don DeMulling, it appears to me that Ironworkers is the correct scope of work to apply to this project for erecting/installing a metal barrier/railing as part of the bridge structure. Ironworkers perform all work in connection with erection, installation, removal, . . . of structural reinforcing iron and steel. . . aluminum. . . or other materials when used in place thereof.” See WAC 296-127-01339. The work performed includes, but is not limited to. . . bridges. . . metal forms, gates, railings (including pipe). . . etc.

As you know, in addition to the actual work processes Ironworkers perform, Ironworkers’ work also includes the “unloading, loading, distributing, stockpiling, hoisting, rigging, and handling of materials used by ironworkers and all cleanup work” [WAC 296-127-01399]. Laborers and Fence Erectors are not correct worker classifications for this work.

Massana Construction has filed an Affidavit indicating only 144 Ironworker hours, yet over 840 and 1900 hours for Fence Erectors and Laborers, respectively. We are in the process of returning their form for correction of the worker classifications.

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Thank you for the project details you brought to our attention and for your follow-up and assistance in ensuring that appropriate wages are paid to workers on this project.

Regards,

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