



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES

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RE: New CMS Project Update #4

Dear elevator industry business, property owner or manager, or stakeholder,

We remain on schedule for the activation of a new Conveyance Management System (CMS) about a year from now. This update includes a project update; news about a fee increase that will be under consideration to help pay for the new system; next steps; and background on what the project is all about and how it will help you as the customer, and our [Elevator Program](#) staff.

Project update

The [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries](#) (L&I) CMS project team is completing a focused evaluation on products from qualified vendors. The term technical people use is called "sandbox testing." The testing team includes a group of elevator inspectors, supervisors, and technical staff from the Elevator Program. The results will be sent to Annette Taylor, deputy assistant director of Field Services and Public Safety. Annette is the project's "executive sponsor." She will hear from Elevator Chief Inspector Gerald Brown and a host of other people before choosing the product. A choice is expected next month with onboarding of the vendor set for May 20 (*The previous date, May 2, was extended to ensure availability of staff for the evaluation. Overall, the project remains on schedule*). While that's going on, the team is also assembling information about the data and reports to include in the new database.

Fee increase consideration

L&I is considering a [17 percent increase](#) in Elevator Program fees. The announcement was formally filed March 22. Other rulemaking documents are expected to be filed in May. A public hearing is tentatively set for June 22. If approved, the increase would take effect Aug. 19.

Background

Since 2006, the current CMS database provides permitting, inspection, and other information. It is aging, failing, and no longer meets the needs of customers and staff. The \$3.52 million project to replace the database includes funds from state government and fee increases.

Next steps

- Now through April 25 – Contract negotiations, review technical solutions from bidders
- May 20 – Bidder selected and onboarding begins
- June 22 – Tentative date for fee increase public hearing

If you have questions about the new system, please contact the Elevator Program, at 360-902-6130 or ElevatorSect@Lni.wa.gov.

Gerald Brown / Annette Taylor