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PREVAILING WAGE STATEMENT

A recent unpublished decision of the Minnesota Court of Appeals affirms the authority of the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation to enforce the Minnesota Prevailing Wage Law on State Highway projects on a case-by-case basis. International Union of Operations Engineers, Local 49 vs. Minnesota Department of Transportation, et. Al., Court of Appeals Case No. C6-97-1582, also see Minnesota Statutes §§177.43 and 177.44 (1996).

The Department of Transportation will enforce the Minnesota Prevailing Wage Law in a manner consistent with the Court of Appeals decision notwithstanding any prior notices on this subject. A copy of the Court of Appeals decision is available to anyone who is interested in reviewing it. Please call Charles Groshens, Labor Compliance Unit at (651) 297-5716 to receive a copy.

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PREVAILING WAGE STATEMENT II

On June 18, 2001, the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry (MnL&I) published, in the State Register, a notice of modification and adoption of the rules as published in State Register, Volume 25, Number 14, Pages 772-778, October 2, 2000 (25 SR 772). The rules were promulgated under Minnesota Administrative Procedures Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14, and affect all projects funded in whole or part with state monies that are advertised for bid 5 working days after the publication date.

The rules give guidance on the application of the State Prevailing Wage Statute, Minnesota Statutes §177.41 to 177.44, as it applies to contractors' laborers and mechanics working at off-site facilities, truck drivers performing hauling activities for state funded projects, and the calculation and application of truck rental rates.

The truck rental rates, when certified by the MnL&I, will take effect on state funded projects advertised after the rates are published in the State Register. Mn/DOT will incorporate the truck rental rates into the appropriate contracts when published after they have been published in the State Register.

Copies of the rules can be received by contacting the MnL&I, Labor Standards, Erik Oelker at (651) 296-6452 or Mn/DOT Labor Compliance Office, Charles Groshens, at (651) 297-5716.

Reference:

5200.1105 Rental Rates for Trucks on Public Works Highway Projects
www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/5200/1105.html

5200.1106 Coverage of Prevailing Wage Law Under Minnesota Statutes 177.41-177.44
www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/5200/1106.html