Announcement:
Caltrans Oversight Information Notice #14-02, “Contractor Registration with California Department of Industrial Relations” was posted to the Local Assistance COIN Website at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/COIN/index.htm

Background:
SB 854, passed by the California State Senate on June 20, 2014, established a new public works contractor registration program which impacts all contractors and subcontractors bidding and performing work on Public Works Projects.

Change:
All contractors and subcontractors bidding and performing work on Public Works Projects must:
• Register on an annual basis with the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)
• Effective April 1, 2015, furnish electronic payroll records for new projects to the Labor Commissioner

Local Agencies must:
• For projects advertising after January 1, 2015, incorporate the following contract language (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)) in their boiler plate/special provisions: “A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.”
• Notify DIR when awarding a public works project within five (5) days of the project’s award
• Ensure prime contractors and their subcontractors possess and maintain such registration with DIR in order to be awarded and to perform work

Impacts:
This COIN impacts all contractors and subcontractors bidding and performing work on Public Works projects.

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