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Greetings:

Please be advised of legislation recently signed into law that will effect public advertisement for bids, solicitation of quotations and the award of certain public contracts. P.L. 1999.c.238. "THE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT" will be come effective on April 11, 2000.

Contractors performing covered public work on the effective date must apply for registration within 30 days. Contractors no performing public work on the effective date of the Act must apply for registration before bidding on a public works contract. A copy of the completed and submitted registration application will establish eligibility for award for a period of 30 days.

For the purpose of the "THE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT", "Public Works" is defined as "the construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, repair or maintenance of a public building regularly open to and used by the general public or a public institution and includes any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor as defined herein, except the, for purposes of the act, no pumping station, treatment plant or other facility associated with utility and environmental construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, repair or maintenance shall be regarded as a public building regularly open to and used by the general public or a public institution."

It is important to note that any work subject to the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq.), requires compliance with that Act a Regards the Payment of prevailing wage rate, posting and completion and submission of certified payrolls, etc.

To avoid potential contract delays and completion extensions, it is suggested public body contracting units and their agents begin to include contractor registration language in advertisements for bids and solicitations for quotations. Evidence of contractor registration should be added to the list of requirements included in future bid specifications and confirmation or registration made on contracts awarded on and after April 11, 2000.

Registration Application Forms and copies of THE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT may be obtained by contacting:

Contractor Registration Unit  
New Jersey Department of Labor  
Division of Wage & Hour Compliance  
PO Box 389  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0389  
Telephone: (609) 292-9464  
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Your inquiries and contractor referrals are welcome.

We look forward to cooperating with you in the administration and enforcement of this legislation intended to require greater responsibility of those who benefit from public works contracting.