

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the survey being conducted?

Under the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/9) the Illinois Department of Labor has the responsibility to “investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages for each county in the State.”

What do I do if I’m having difficulties with the computer survey?

Please contact the Survey Hotline at 312-793-1585 or email us at DOL.PWSurvey.Government@illinois.gov.

Why is an Illinois public ID required to complete the survey?

The Illinois Public ID is required for identity verification, for security, and to match you to your survey response.

We didn’t have any construction work done. What should we do?

Please simply respond to the survey by indicating you have no qualifying contractors to report.

What sort of contractors should I put on the list? Which ones shouldn’t be on it?

Any construction contractors on public works should be included. "Public works" means all fixed works constructed or demolished by any public body, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds. Construction includes:

- Construction of new structures
- Renovation, remodeling, and expansion of existing structures
- Maintenance and repair of equipment on a construction site
- Transportation of equipment or materials to or from a construction site

“Public works" includes all projects financed in whole or in part with bonds, grants, loans, or other funds made available by or through the State or any of its political subdivisions.

You should not include contractors that did not perform construction services, such as food and beverage suppliers, janitorial contractors, architects, or communication and technical service providers.

Where can I obtain a list of all contractors who performed public works for my public body?

This information should be available on certified transcripts of payroll that contractors and subcontractors are required to file and maintain under the Prevailing Wage Act.

Who should be completing the survey on behalf of the local government?

The survey should be completed by the purchasing agent or person responsible for the oversight of all competitively bid contracts, as defined by Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-8-3)

(h) Any financial report under this Section shall include the name of the purchasing agent who oversees all competitively bid contracts. If there is no purchasing agent, the name of the person responsible for oversight of all competitively bid contracts shall be listed.

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