

[Name and Contact Information for person issuing Notice]	
Date:	Case or Contract No.:

**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY WITHHOLDING OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS DUE TO DELINQUENT OR INADEQUATE PAYROLL RECORDS (8 CCR §16435)**

Awarding Body:	Work performed in County of:
Project Name and Number (if any):	
Prime Contractor:	
Subcontractor:	

Pursuant to Labor Code §1771.5(b)(5) and 8 CCR §16435, contract payments are being withheld due to delinquent or inadequate payroll records.

Contractor or subcontractor whose payroll records are delinquent or inadequate:

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The following payroll records are delinquent (specify weeks and due dates):

The following payroll records are inadequate (specify weeks and ways in which records are deemed inadequate under 8 CCR §16435(d)):

Estimated amount of contract payments due to contractor or subcontractor that are being withheld pursuant to this Notice:

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**See page 2 for additional information, including appeal rights.**

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Labor Compliance Officer

**Prime Contractor Obligations:** If contract payments are being withheld due to the delinquency or inadequacy of your subcontractor's payroll records, you are required to cease all payments to that subcontractor until the Labor Compliance Program provides notice that the subcontractor has cured the delinquency or deficiency.

### **Notice of Right to Obtain Review – Expedited Hearing**

An affected contractor or subcontractor may request review an expedited hearing to review this Notice of Withholding of Contract Payments under Labor Code §1742. *The only issue in any such review proceeding is whether the specified payroll records are in fact delinquent or inadequate within the meaning of 8 CCR §16435 or whether the Labor Compliance Program has exceeded its authority under 8 CCR §16435.* **To obtain an expedited hearing, a written request must be transmitted to the both the Labor Compliance Program and to the Lead Hearing Officer for the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, as follows:**

[Name of Labor Compliance Officer,  
address, and fax number]

Office of the Director – Legal Unit  
Attention: Lead Hearing Officer  
***Expedited Hearing Request***  
Fax to: (415) 703-4277

The request for expedited hearing should specify the basis for challenging this Notice and include a copy of this Notice as an attachment. The request should also identify and provide contact information for the person who will represent the contractor or subcontractor at the hearing.

**Important Additional Information:** This is a Notice of Temporary Withholding of Contract Payments for Delinquent or Inadequate Payroll Records *only*. This is *not* a determination of liability for wages or penalties under Labor Code §§1775 and 1776 or any other statute. *Contract payments cannot continue to be withheld pursuant to this notice, once the required records have been produced.* However, the contractor and subcontractor may still be subject to the assessment of back wages and penalties and the withholding of contract payments if, upon investigation, a determination is made that the contractor or subcontractor violated the public works requirements of the Labor Code.

This Notice only addresses rights and responsibilities under state law. Awarding bodies, labor compliance programs, and contractors may have other rights or responsibilities under federal or local law, where applicable, and may also have additional rights or remedies under the public works contract.

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**§16435. Withholding Contract Payments When Payroll Records are Delinquent or Inadequate.**

(a) "Withhold" means to cease payments by the Awarding Body, or others who pay on its behalf, or agents, to the general contractor. Where the violation is by a subcontractor, the general contractor shall be notified of the nature of the violation and reference made to its rights under Labor Code Section 1729.

(b) "Contracts." Except as otherwise provided by agreement, only contracts under a single master contract, including a Design-Build contract, or contracts entered into as stages of a single project, may be the subject of withholding.

(c) "Delinquent payroll records" means those not submitted on the date set in the contract.

(d) "Inadequate payroll records" are any one of the following:

(1) A record lacking any of the information required by Labor Code Section 1776;

(2) A record which contains all of the required information but is not certified, or is certified by someone who is not an agent of the contractor or subcontractor;

(3) A record remaining uncorrected for one payroll period after the Labor Compliance Program has given the contractor or subcontractor notice of inaccuracies detected by audit or record review. However, prompt correction will stop any duty to withhold if such inaccuracies do not amount to one (1) percent of the entire Certified Weekly Payroll in dollar value and do not affect more than half the persons listed as workers employed on that Certified Weekly Payroll, as defined in Labor Code Section 1776 and section 16401 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations.

(e) The withholding of contract payments when payroll records are delinquent or inadequate is required by Labor Code Section 1771.5(b)(5), and it does not require the prior approval of the Labor Commissioner. The Awarding Body shall only withhold those payments due or estimated to be due to the contractor or subcontractor whose payroll records are delinquent or inadequate, plus any additional amount that the Labor Compliance Program has reasonable cause to believe may be needed to cover a back wage and penalty assessment against the contractor or subcontractor whose payroll records are delinquent or inadequate; *provided that* a contractor shall be required in turn to cease all payments to a subcontractor whose payroll records are delinquent or inadequate until the Labor Compliance Program provides notice that the subcontractor has cured the delinquency or deficiency.

(f) When contract payments are withheld under this section, the Labor Compliance Program shall provide the contractor and subcontractor, if applicable, with immediate written notice that includes all of the following: (1) a statement that payments are being withheld due to delinquent or inadequate payroll records, and that identifies what records are missing or states why records that have been submitted are deemed inadequate; (2) specifies the amount being withheld; and (3) informs the contractor or subcontractor of the right to request an expedited hearing to review the withholding of contract payments under Labor Code Section 1742, limited to the issue of whether the records are delinquent or inadequate or the Labor Compliance Program has exceeded its authority under this section.

(g) No contract payments shall be withheld solely on the basis of delinquent or inadequate payroll records after the required records have been produced.

(h) In addition to withholding contract payments based on delinquent or inadequate payroll records, penalties shall be assessed under Labor Code Section 1776(g) for failure to timely comply with a written request for certified payroll records. The assessment of penalties under Labor Code Section 1776(g) does require the prior approval of the Labor Commissioner under section 16436 of these regulations.