

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS**

RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGES

PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING PROPOSED REGULATORY CHANGES

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 37-13 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as amended, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws, the Department of Labor and Training proposes certain amendments to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Rules and Regulations Relating to Prevailing Wages and gives notice of this proposed promulgation to afford interested parties the opportunity for public comment.

The proposed amendment amends the definition of public works contracts by defining the exception to a public works contract. Pursuant to this amendment, where the contractor provides comprehensive, wrap-around, general maintenance and services to public entities, including, but not limited to: janitorial services, the maintenance, servicing and limited replacement of air conditioning, electrical, heating, plumbing, refrigeration and ventilation systems and the limited replacement of structural and cosmetic materials within facilities when the size, type or extent of such facilities is not changed, the contract shall be exempt from the definition of a public works contract.

Public comment will be solicited on the following proposal:

<http://www.dlt.ri.gov/pdf/Rule8pwage.pdf>

The proposed amendment will be available for public examination on the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training's website at the following address: <http://www.dlt.ri.gov/>, in person at the Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., requested by mail addressed to Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director, Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or by calling 401-462-8000.

In the development of the proposed rule, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small businesses. Based on available information, no significant economic impact was identified nor are there any alternative approaches, duplications or overlaps with other state regulations.

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice. The comments should be addressed to Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director, Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or 401-462-8000.

A public hearing, in accordance with Rhode Island General Law, Section 42-35-3, to consider the proposed amendments shall be held on January 27, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the RI Department of Labor and Training, Building 73-1, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The place of the public hearing is accessible to the handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-462-8000 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Date Notice Was Posted: December 22, 2016