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Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee to Discuss Legislative Concepts
PWAC to review concepts under consideration for the 2009 legislative session

PORTLAND- Headlining the agenda for Wednesday's meeting of the Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee (PWAC) will be a discussion of potential legislative concepts related to prevailing wage law. The advisory committee will consider concepts being drafted by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and others for possible introduction in the 2009 Legislative Assembly. Advisory committee members and other stakeholders are also encouraged to bring their concepts related to prevailing wage law to the advisory committee for consideration.

WHO: Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee
WHAT: Review of legislative concepts for 2009 Session
WHEN: 1:30pm on Wednesday, September 17, 2008
WHERE: Conference Room 1D, Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR 97232

BOLI staff will present six legislative concepts related to prevailing wage law, including proposals to crack down on unethical employers who intentionally or repeatedly violate the law and short employees' pay, to delete outdated language from prevailing wage statutes, and to better align filing and reporting deadlines with actual payroll practices. A complete list of concepts under consideration by the agency is attached.

The PWAC advises the State Labor Commissioner on issues related to the administration of prevailing wage law (ORS 279C.820). Advisory committee members are appointed by the Commissioner to include an equal number of representatives of management and labor in the building and construction industry, all with experience working on public works contracts. A complete agenda for the next meeting can be found at http://egov.oregon.gov/BOLI/WHD/PWR/PWR_Committee.shtml.

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