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Portland and Salem seminars will help construction industry navigate Occupational Wage Survey
Free workshops will provide tips to make survey reporting easier

PORTLAND, OR—Three construction industry-focused seminars will help contractors and subcontractors understand the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) occupational wage survey, the agency announced today.

Every year, BOLI collects survey information from thousands of construction contractors to determine prevailing wage rates for qualifying public projects.

The mandatory surveys can be difficult for some contractors. Contractors must provide information about project locations, occupations of workers, hours worked, and benefits paid to each employee.

“We want to be a resource for contractors so that we can demystify the survey process. Our goal is to collect the most accurate data possible while minimizing the difficulty for contractors,” said Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian.

The seminars—free to construction industry participants—will include information on:

- contractor’s responsibilities when they receive a survey;
- recent changes;
- how to report hours, wages and benefits; and
- how the results help BOLI set prevailing wage rates.

The Oregon Employment Department will conduct the trainings and answer questions from participants.

Seminar 1: Portland

Portland State Office Building
Room 1A
800 NE Oregon Street
Portland, OR 97232

Date: Monday, August 10, 2015

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Seminar 2: Portland

Portland State Office Building
Room 1A
800 NE Oregon Street
Portland, OR 97232

Date: Monday, August 10, 2015

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Seminar 3: Salem

Oregon Employment Department Building

Auditorium

875 Union Street NE

Salem, OR 97311

Date: Monday, August 17, 2015

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

To reserve a spot, please complete and return a [registration form](#) at least seven days before the workshop. Forms should be sent to Rachelle Hebert at Rachelle.hebert@state.or.us.

For more information about BOLI's efforts to support Oregon employers and protect Oregon's workforce, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI>.

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