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Information About California Senate Bill 854 – Public Works Registration

We would just like to give you an update about Senate Bill 854 that was passed last year and put into effect this year. It greatly effects anyone that bids on public works contracts as a vendor, primary contractor or as a sub-contractor.

Senate Bill 854, signed into law June 20, 2014, became effective immediately. All vendors, contractors and subcontractors intending to bid or perform work on public works contracts in California must register and meet requirements using the online application https://efiling.dir.ca.gov/PWCR/ActionServlet?action=displayPWCRegistrationForm

The application also provides the agencies that administer public works programs with a searchable database https://efiling.dir.ca.gov/PWCR/Search of pre-qualified and registered contractors.

Application and renewal are completed online with a non-refundable fee of $300.

The SB 854 Fact Sheet is available to read at:


The requirement for agencies to list only registered contractors and subcontractors on public works bids becomes effective on March 1, 2015.

The requirement to only use registered vendors, contractors and subcontractors on public works projects applies to all projects awarded on or after April 1, 2015 regardless of when the bid was published.

If you have questions please contact the Department of Industrial Relations by e-mail at SB854@dir.ca.gov

If SB 854 applies to you please make sure you are registered with DIR (Department of Industrial Relations) so you do not miss out on any future sales opportunities.