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## NOTICE TO VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS REGARDING Senate Bill 854 Public Works

Senate Bill 854, signed into law June 20, 2014, became effectively immediately. It established a new public works vendor/contractor registration program.

All vendors, contractors and subcontractors intending to bid or perform work on public works projects will be required to register, and annually renew, online for the program. The cost to register for the program is currently \$400 and is non-refundable.

Vendors, contractors or subcontractors submitting bids/quotes must be registered by January 1, 2021. The requirement to use only registered vendors, contractors and subcontractors on public works projects valued at \$15,000 or more for maintenance applies to all projects awarded and paid with public funds on or after January 1, 2021. No bid/quote can be accepted nor any contract or subcontract entered into nor purchase order issued without proof that the contractor or subcontractor is registered, and not listed on the debarment list.

Public works refers to construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under contract/purchase order and paid by public funds. For a more detailed explanation of public works projects, refer to California Labor Code 1720 -1720.6. You can also email questions to the Department of Industrial Relations at [SB854@dir.ca.gov](mailto:SB854@dir.ca.gov).

This information is being provided to vendors/contractors currently contracted with the District. A contract is any formal or informal offer, consideration and acceptance made by the District to a vendor or contractor.

*What are we asking you to do?* If the services you are providing the District, or may provide the District in the future, *fall* under the definition of "public works", please ensure you are registered with the DIR prior to January 1, 2021. Effective immediately, the District will be required to fill out a form alerting the DIR of the services you are providing the District. Detailed information is required to complete this form. If the services you are currently providing the District fall under "public works" you may be asked to provide information needed to complete the DIR form. We ask that you complete this in a timely manner to avoid interruption in the services you are providing.

More information can be found at The Department of Industrial Relations website, <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>.