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**Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee to Meet, Review Annual
Prevailing Wage Rate Survey**

State Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian encourages PWAC and interested parties to discuss merits, flaws of current process

PORTLAND, OR- On Thursday, March 26, 2009 the Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee (PWAC) will meet to begin discussions of the annual construction industry survey conducted by the Oregon Employment Department (OED). The data collected in this survey is used to establish prevailing wage rates that are required to be paid on public works projects in Oregon. Brad Avakian, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, has tasked the PWAC with reviewing the survey process and making recommendations for improvements to ensure maximum effectiveness and responsiveness.

The Committee will begin the survey review process with a series of three initial meetings, scheduled for March 26th, April 9th and April 23rd of this year. Thursday's meeting will include an overview of the wage survey process and methodology presented by the Employment Department, which conducts the annual wage survey. Details are as follows:

WHO: Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee
WHAT: Overview and discussion of BOLI/OED annual construction industry survey
WHEN: 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26
**WHERE: Portland State Office Building, Suite 1D
800 NE Oregon St., Portland OR**

The following meetings on April 9th and 23rd will be held at the IUOE Office at 551 1st St., Gladstone, Oregon 97027.

Oregon prevailing wage rates are set based on an annual survey of construction occupations conducted by the OED. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries is charged with determining prevailing wage rates based on this independent wage survey. Contractor responses to the PWR survey are compiled and used to establish prevailing wage rates for construction occupations in each of 14 state regions.

The PWAC was established in 2003 by the Oregon Legislature and is comprised of equal representatives from management and labor in the building and construction industry who perform work on public works contracts. The committee is charged with assisting the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries in administering prevailing wage rate laws that apply on public construction projects. To learn more about the PWAC, [click here](#).

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