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Notice of construction truck operational cost survey

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) is currently surveying to determine minimum truck rental rates applicable on state-funded highway projects covered by Minnesota prevailing wage statutes.

The department requests owners/operators of road construction trucks to respond to the attached survey of the *costs of operating a truck during the 2010 calendar year*. Complete and return this form only if your truck is used in road construction projects.

Please read the instructions on the back of the attached survey form and fill in your responses in blue or black ink in dark legible handwriting or typewriting. If you need to submit more than one form (see instructions), please copy the form included here or contact us for additional forms. If you are a broker, please provide copies of this letter and the attached double-sided survey form to the independent truck operators and trucking firms with which you work.

Forms must be returned by the close of business, July 8, 2011. Information received later than this cannot be used to calculate minimum truck rental rates. You *must* return the original survey form by mail. To meet the deadline, however, you may fax the form to (651) 284-5740 prior to mailing.

Call DLI Labor Standards at (651) 284-5091 if you have questions or need assistance. Feel free to write, call or fax if you have comments or suggestions about the survey process.

The minimum per-hour truck operational costs determined by this survey and the prevailing wage rate for truck drivers in each region will be added together to establish the minimum truck rental rate to be paid on state-funded highway projects.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. If you choose not to participate, the minimum truck rental rates certified under Minnesota prevailing wage statutes will not reflect your costs of doing business. If you choose to reply, the department will have more complete data from which to calculate average truck operational costs. **The current truck rental rates certified April 4, 2011, remain in effect until new rates can be determined based on a sufficient response to the survey procedure. The current truck rental rates can be located on the DLI website at www.dli.mn.gov.**

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry is prohibited by law from disclosing the identities and addresses of individuals supplying data for this survey (Minnesota Statutes § 175.27 and 175.24). Because survey data is public, however, individuals may view returned surveys with identifying information blacked-out upon request. Normally, the data provided here is published only in summary form as average truck operational costs.

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