

Minnesota's intention to mandate electronic filing of the First Report of Injury form

This correspondence is intended for any entity that may file a First Report of Injury (FROI) form with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) on or after Jan. 1, 2014, as required by Minnesota Statutes § 176.231.

DLI is working toward mandating the electronic filing of FROI forms via electronic data interchange (EDI) or an eFROI Web portal. Through the elimination of paper handling by the reporting entity and the department, DLI hopes to increase efficiency and facilitate the timely reporting of injuries to DLI. This announcement is intended to provide advance notification to allow adequate time for reporting entities to prepare for an anticipated implementation date of **Jan. 1, 2014**.

There will be two options available for electronic filing.

1. **EDI:** Entities submitting many FROI forms each year may prefer EDI, which will be a transmission of FROI form data from the reporting entity's computer system to DLI's computer system. Submitted EDI FROI form data will populate an electronic version of the FROI form in DLI's database.
2. **eFROI Web portal:** Entities submitting few FROI forms each year may prefer the eFROI Web portal, which will allow an individual, on behalf of a reporting entity, to log onto a Web portal and enter FROI form data. The entered data will populate an electronic version of the FROI form in DLI's database.

To allow sufficient time to prepare for implementation, DLI will be freezing testing for any new EDI trading partners effective Sept. 10, 2012 through May 1, 2013. More detailed communication about this initiative will be issued in November, as well as a more definitive implementation schedule.

For more information about DLI's EDI program, visit www.dli.mn.gov/WC/Edi.asp. More information about EDI, in general, is available on the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) website at www.iaabc.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3338.



Any questions, comments or concerns regarding implementation can be directed to the EDI/eFROI Implementation Team at dli.edi@state.mn.us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.