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## **COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT** **City of ~~Seattle~~Tacoma**

This Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) is entered into April 8, 2015 by and between the City of Seattle (hereafter referred to as "City"), the ~~Seattle King Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council, and Northwest National Construction Alliance II acting on their own behalf and on behalf of their respective affiliates and members whose names are subscribed hereto and who have, through their duly authorized officers (hereafter referred to collectively as "Unions")~~ executed this Agreement. The City and Unions are the signatory parties to this Agreement.

All construction contractors and subcontractors of whatever tier engaged in construction work for projects that are subject to this Agreement, shall sign a letter of assent (see Attachment A) and are bound by this Agreement as a condition of performing work on the project. Such Contractors shall be hereafter referred to as "Contractors." When the Agreement refers to only the prime contractor, the term "Prime Contractor" will be used alone, which includes primes that serve as a GC/CM, a design-builder, a general or a prime.

This CWA meets the intent and obligations set forth in ~~Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 20.37,~~(appropriate Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC)) which directs a priority hire program and an agreement executed between the ~~Director~~ City and Labor Unions that represent workers who typically perform on City public works projects. ~~SMC~~ **TMC** refers to that as a Project Labor Agreement; for consistency with other regional agreements of a similar nature, this agreement is termed and referred to throughout this agreement as a Community Workforce Agreement (CWA).

~~This CWA covers every City of Seattle administered public works project estimated to cost \$5 million dollars or more at time of bid when including any contingency budget, except when a project is exempted by the Director of City Purchasing and Contracting Services for the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (hereinafter referred to as "Director") under conditions established by SMC 20.37. Such projects are hereafter referred to as "Covered Projects."~~

### **PURPOSE**

The parties to this Community Workforce Agreement, and Contractors who assent to work under this CWA, acknowledge that social equity, workforce diversity, development of local workers for construction careers as well as the timely completion of projects without delay, with skilled workers and agreed-upon procedures, is of benefit to the City. Public Works projects are important to the residents of ~~Seattle~~**Tacoma** and protect critical City infrastructure. This CWA enhances cooperative efforts towards those principles. This CWA is intended to establish a spirit of harmony, peace, and stability between labor and management, to support timely construction of public works projects.

Timely construction of projects requires substantial numbers of workers from construction and supporting crafts possessing skills and qualifications vital to its completion. This CWA supports training and dispatch of local craft workers to construct Covered Projects.

This CWA seeks to stabilize wages, hours and working conditions for craft workers, to ensure workers on Covered Projects have the same working conditions, and encourages close cooperation between the City, Unions and Contractors, for a satisfactory, continuous and harmonious relationship between all involved on these projects.

The parties, and Contractors who assent to this CWA, agree to abide by the terms and conditions in this CWA. This CWA establishes effective and binding methods for settlement of misunderstandings, disputes or grievances that may arise related to labor relations on a Covered Project. Such issues will follow the appropriate procedures described by this CWA in ARTICLE VIII (Disputes and Grievances) and ARTICLE IX (Jurisdictional Disputes). Unions agree to not engage in any strike, slow-down, or interruption or other disruption or interference with the work covered by this CWA. Contractors agree to not engage in any lockout.

This CWA supports ~~SMC 20.42,~~ **appropriate TMC** to promote and ensure access for woman and people of color to meaningful work on City public works projects. This CWA also supports all Contractor efforts and obligations to utilize women- and minority-owned firms, as established under the public works project contract between the City and the Contractor. Nothing in this CWA shall minimize or relieve the Contractor from such contractual obligations.

This CWA supports development of a skilled construction workforce. This CWA supports hire of pre-apprentice graduates and apprentices in Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC) registered training programs, particularly women, people of color and other individuals facing significant employment barriers. ~~SMC Chapter 20.38~~**appropriate TMC** requires Prime Contractors to ensure apprentices perform the rate of utilization that is directed in the City Public Works contract for each project. Such required utilization shall never be less than 15% and will not exceed 20% of all craft project labor hours. The Prime Contractors shall also ensure that they attain the required placement for pre-apprenticeship program graduates (from qualified Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprentice programs as defined within this CWA).

The local region has economically distressed areas with high unemployment and low incomes, as defined in ~~SMC 20.37~~**appropriate TMC**. This CWA instructs dispatch of workers from such economically distressed ZIP codes (Attachment B) in a manner that will achieve the requirements established by the City within each project contract, for the share of hours that will be performed by workers from such distressed areas.

This CWA seeks to support dispatch of workers to achieve the aspirational goals for hire of women and people of color, as established by the City within the contract for each Covered Project.

## **ARTICLE I SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

Section 1. This CWA applies and is limited to the recognized and accepted historical definition of public works under the direction of and performed by Contractors of every tier. Public works, also called project work, shall include site preparation and dedicated off site work. All City of ~~Seattle~~**Tacoma and Tacoma Public Utilities** administered public works projects with a project construction budget plus contingency of ~~\$5~~ **\$1** million and over at the time of bid shall be covered by this CWA, except when exempted by the Director of City Purchasing and Contracting Services (hereafter referred to as "Director") in accordance with ~~Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 20.37~~**(appropriate TMC)**.

Contractors of every tier who perform project work, must agree to accept and be bound by all CWA terms and conditions, and sign a Letter of Assent (Attachment A) before commencing work. The Prime Contractor shall assure all sub-tier contractors who perform project work will comply with this CWA.

If the CWA is silent on any issue, the local Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) that are currently in force at the time such issue emerges shall prevail; where there is a conflict, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall supersede and override terms and conditions of any and all other national, area, or local collective bargaining agreements, except for all work performed under the NTL Articles of Agreement, the National Stack/Chimney Agreement, the National Cooling Tower Agreement, all instrument calibration work and loop checking shall be performed under the terms of the UA/IBEW Joint National Agreement for Instrument and Control Systems Technicians, and the National Agreement of the International Union of Elevator Constructors, with the exception of ARTICLE VII (Work Stoppages and Lockouts), ARTICLE VIII (Disputes and Grievances), and ARTICLE IX (Jurisdictional Disputes), which shall apply to such work on Covered Projects.

This is a self-contained, stand-alone Agreement in that Contractors are not obligated to sign any other local, area, or national agreement.

This agreement contains Attachments which may be updated from time to time. Updates to Attachment A (Letter of Assent) and Attachment C (Pre-Job Package and Pre-Job Waiver Forms) shall be reviewed and mutually agreed upon by the Joint Administrative Committee. The City has the sole discretion to update Attachment B (Priority ZIP code list).

Section 2. Nothing herein shall prohibit, restrict or interfere with any operation, work, or function that may occur at project sites or associated with Covered Projects.

Section 3. This CWA is binding on the signatory parties hereto and Contractors who sign a letter of assent; it does not apply to their parents, affiliates or subsidiaries.

Section 4. The City has the absolute right to award responsive and responsible bidders for project contracts without reference to the existence of any agreements between such bidder and any party to this Agreement; provided that such bidder is willing, ready and able to sign a letter of assent to comply with this Agreement, should the bidder be designated the successful bidder.

Section 5. Any craft or trade identified in RCW Chapter 39.12 (Prevailing Wages) will be subject to the CWA.

Section 6. This CWA does not apply to City workers and nothing herein shall prohibit or restrict City workers from performing project work. Once work or portions of work on the Covered Projects is completed and accepted by the City, the Agreement will have no further force or effect on such work, except when the Contractors are directed by the Prime Contractor or the City to engage in repairs, modifications, check-out, and written warranty by the manufacturer.

Section 7. The City, at its sole option, may terminate, change, delay and/or suspend any or all portions of the City's contract on a specific Covered Project.

Section 8. The liability of any Contractor and the liability of the separate unions under this Agreement shall be several and not joint. The Unions agree this Agreement does not have the effect of creating any joint employer status between or among the City and any Contractor.

## **ARTICLE II PROJECT CONDITIONS**

Section 1. Workers shall be at their place of work at the designated starting time and shall remain during working hours until their designated quitting time. As practicable given City contract requirements for the project, parking will be available to workers within a three (3) block radius of the project, at a location designated by the Prime Contractor. If the City determines dedicated parking is not possible, then the Prime Contractor will provide transportation to and from a designated parking location that the Prime Contractor provides, and the project worksite; in such situations, workers shall leave their place of work 15 minutes before end of shift for travel. Transportation to such a designated parking location shall be available to the workers throughout each scheduled work day. In lieu of compensated time for travel to designated parking, the Prime Contractor may elect to pay each worker for their parking costs, at an amount negotiated between the Seattle Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council and the Prime Contractor.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act as amended; the provisions of the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA), as amended; the requirements of Title 296 WAC, Department of Labor and Industries, this CWA, as well as the applicable City contract, it shall be the exclusive responsibility of the Contractor to ensure the safety and health of its workers and worker compliance with any and all such safety rules mentioned above and as otherwise established by the Contractor or the City through any additional instruction. Contractors will provide a copy of the Contractor's safety rules at the pre-job conference. The Contractor is responsible for providing and maintaining personal protective equipment (PPE) per WAC 296, and the expectation for appropriate replacements schedules of such PPE may also be subject to pre-job discussion by the Union with the Contractor. Safety rules shall be posted at the job site and shall be uniformly enforced.

Section 3. Should a Contractor seek to change any safety rule during the course of a project, such proposed changes shall be discussed at Joint Administrative Committee meetings prior to implementation.

### **ARTICLE III WAGE RATES AND FRINGE BENEFITS**

Section 1. Contractors of every tier shall adhere to the applicable Federal and/or State prevailing wage rates for all craft workers, in effect at the time each Covered Project is bid. If both Federal and State prevailing wage requirements apply, the higher wage rate will prevail. Each September, Contractors of every tier shall incorporate all increases to such wage and benefits rates that are announced by the State or Federal government, as applicable, for the duration of each Covered Project. Federal updates to Davis Bacon wages will not be incorporated and updated until the annual September adjustment. Such wage increases shall be made effective the first full payroll period following the effective date. Wages shall be paid weekly on an established payday before quitting time. Workers who quit shall be paid on the next regular pay day by mail to their last known address unless such workers give adequate notice to do otherwise.

Section 2. The workweek for payroll purposes will begin with the first day shift on Monday morning and end on the following Monday morning (the workweek for any particular project may be modified by mutual consent). The Contractor will have the following options of making payment at the election of the employee in writing at the time of hire or with ten (10) business days' notice of a change: 1) negotiable check by a local bank, paid prior to quitting time at the job site; 2) direct deposit, into worker's bank account; or 3) by mail. If paid by mail, the check shall be postmarked no later than two (2) business days prior to the established payday.

Section 3. The Contractor will furnish appropriate trust documents and signed letters of assent, to the Union that is covering the funds into which contributions shall be made. The Contractor will contribute to, and hereby becomes party to and is bound by bona

vide pension, vacation, health and welfare, apprenticeship and training funds covering workers under this Agreement.

Section 4. If contribution payments for hours worked each month as defined above are not received by the Health and Welfare Fund office or Pension Fund office within the date prescribed by the appropriate trust funds, the Fund will make every effort to resolve the delinquency with the Contractor and will notify the Contractor, Prime Contractor (if different) and the City of such delinquency with all documentary evidence of the delinquency endorsed by the Fund.

#### **ARTICLE IV HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME AND SHIFTS**

Section 1. Hours of Work (Section 2 below) and Shifts (Section 4 below) may be pre-empted by the City contract and/or City through instruction to the Contractor, based on unforeseen project needs, provided adequate notice is given to the Union.

Section 2. Hours of Work: The standard workday shall consist of eight (8) hours of work scheduled between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. with one-half hour designated as an unpaid period for lunch. The starting time may be different (staggered) on a crew basis. The standard workweek shall be five (5) days of work, Monday through Friday. Nothing herein shall be construed as guaranteeing any employee eight (8) hours of work per day or forty (40) hours of work per week.

Section 3. Overtime: All hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day, forty (40) hours per week, or outside of regular shift, Monday through Friday and Saturday shall be paid in accordance with applicable State and Federal prevailed wage requirements. There shall be no pyramiding of overtime pay. Holidays, pursuant to ~~SMC 4.20.190~~ and RCW 1.16.050, are named in the City Covered Project contract specifications and include:

1. New Year's Day (January 1)
2. Martin Luther King Jr Birthday (Third Monday of January)
3. Presidents Day (Third Monday of February)
4. Memorial Day (Last Monday of May)
5. Fourth of July
6. Labor Day (First Monday of September)
7. Veteran's Day (Eleventh Day of November)
8. Thanksgiving (Fourth Thursday of November)
9. Post Thanksgiving Friday (Friday immediately following Thanksgiving Day)
10. Christmas (December 25)

Section 4. Shifts: Shifts may be established for some or all crews when considered necessary by the Contractor or as directed by the City project contract. When three (3) shifts are worked, the first, or day shift shall be established on an eight (8) hour basis,



the second shift shall be established on a seven and one-half (7 ½) hour basis and the third shift shall be established on a seven (7) hour basis. The pay for the second and third shifts shall be the equivalent of eight (8) hours pay at the employee's regular hourly rate. When shift work is established, it must continue for a minimum of five consecutive days on a schedule of 8 hours a day 5 days a week. If only two shifts are to be worked, each shift will work eight (8) hours for eight (8) hours pay. In any shift change 2 business days' notice to the affected union shall be provided. There shall be no split shifts. Other shift provisions may be established by mutual consent of the parties.

Section 5. Meal Period: Workers shall not be required to work more than five hours from the start of the shift without at least one-half hour unpaid uninterrupted break for lunch. This lunch period shall not begin earlier than three and one-half hours after the start of the shift. In the event that the Contractor establishes a ten-hour shift, the meal periods shall be at mid-shift. The worker meal periods may be staggered on an individual basis.

- (a) If a craft worker is required to work more than five hours before breaking for lunch, they shall be paid one-half hour at the applicable overtime rate and shall eat their lunch on company time.
- (b) An additional hour of overtime pay shall be provided in lieu of lunch.
- (c) Craft workers required to work more than two hours after the end of an eight hour shift and one hour after an ten hour shift shall be furnished a meal and paid one-half hour at the applicable wage rate and every five hours thereafter a craft worker shall be given time for a meal. Mealtime shall be paid at the applicable overtime rate and adequate lunch shall be provided by the Contractor at the job site.
- (d) An additional hour of overtime pay shall be provided in lieu of a second lunch.

Section 6. Rest Facilities: Adequate sanitary and restroom facilities will be provided at the work location to allow workers to wash-up before and after their meal. The Contractor shall furnish warm, dry, lighted rooms of ample size equipped with heat for drying clothes and with benches and tables for use during meal periods. These are to be situated close to the site of the work and shall not be used for storage of materials or equipment.

Section 7. Reporting to Work Pay: Any worker who reports for work (except when given notification not to report to work 2 hours prior to shift), and for whom no work is provided, shall receive two (2) hours pay. Any worker who reports for work and for whom work is provided, shall be paid for actual time worked but not less than four (4) hours. If the job is shut down because of adverse conditions that prevent work and are beyond the control of the Contractor, workers shall be paid for actual time worked but not less than two (2) hours. Procedures for the Contractor to use to cancel work shall be agreed upon at the pre-job conference.

## **ARTICLE V UNION RECOGNITION**

Section 1. The Contractor(s) recognize the signatory Unions as the sole and exclusive bargaining representatives for all craft workers within their respective jurisdictions, who are working on Covered Projects within the scope of this CWA.

Section 2. All workers covered by this CWA who are Union members and working for a Contractor signatory to a collective bargaining agreement other than this CWA, shall remain members in said Union during the project.

Section 3. No worker shall be required to become a member of a Union to be eligible for employment under this CWA. No Contractor shall be required to become affiliated with the Union to be eligible for work under this CWA.

Section 4. The Contractor shall honor Union dues and initiation fees check-off pursuant to receipt of properly authorized dues deduction cards signed by its worker, along with other lawful authorizations from employees providing for deductions from wages. The Union will notify the Contractor and the City in a timely manner if a Contractor is delinquent in remitting representation fees authorized by the worker.

Section 5. Union representatives shall have reasonable access to Covered Projects, provided they do not interfere with the work of the workers and if such representatives fully comply with the visitor, safety and security rules established for Covered Projects as established at the pre-job conference.

Section 6. The Business Representative(s) for each of the local Unions signatory hereto shall have the right to designate for each shift worked with each Contractor one (1) working journey-level worker as Steward for all related craft personnel, who shall be recognized as a Union representative. Such designated Stewards shall be qualified workers assigned to a crew and shall perform the work of their craft. Under no circumstances, shall there be a non-working Steward on the job.

Section 7. The working Steward shall be paid at the applicable wage rate for the job classifications in which they are employed.

Section 8. Steward(s) for each craft of the Unions employed on Covered Projects shall be permitted on Covered Projects site at all times. They shall not be subjected to discrimination or discharge for performing proper union business. The Unions agree that such business shall not unreasonably interfere with the Steward's work for the Contractor.

Section 9. The employee selected as Steward shall remain on the job if there is work within their craft for which they are qualified, willing and able to perform. The Contractor shall be notified in writing of the selection of each Steward. The Contractor shall give

the Unions prior written notice before discharging a Steward.

Section 10. The Steward may not cause or encourage a work stoppage and, if found guilty of instigating such action, will be subject to disciplinary action by the Contractor, including discharge.

Section 11. The Steward's duties shall not include hiring and termination.

Section 12. The Stewards shall be given the option of working all reasonable overtime within their craft and shift provided they are qualified to perform the task assigned.

## **ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS**

Section 1. Contractors retain full and exclusive authority for management of their operations. Except as limited by this CWA, Contractors shall direct their working forces at their prerogative, including, but not limited to hiring, promotion, transfer, lay-off or discharge for just cause. No rules, customs, or practices shall be permitted or observed which limit or restrict production, or limit or restrict the working efforts of workers. Contractors shall utilize the most efficient method or techniques of construction, tools, or other labor saving devices except when in conflict with provisions in the City contract. There shall be no limitations upon the choice of materials or design, nor shall there be any limit on production by workers or restrictions on the full use of tools or equipment. There shall be no restriction, other than may be required by safety regulations, on the number of workers assigned to any crew or to any service.

Section 2. The City will provide project oversight and administration through internal dedicated staff or third party administration. Copies of redacted certified payroll and daily worker sign in sheets will be made available upon request, redacted and subject to the limitations of law.

Section 3. The parties agree to participate in a Joint Administrative Committee (JAC) to address safety, targeted hiring, apprenticeship utilization, preferred entry, job progress and any other relevant issues that affect Covered Projects. The parties agree to address issues as they arise and resolve them in a timely manner. Only signatory parties to this Agreement shall have voting rights when the JAC makes a decision by vote.

The JAC shall allow interested contractors and community members to attend meetings, and receive copies of materials and information that are distributed by the parties. The City shall chair the Committee. The City and Unions shall each have one vote. When in disagreement, the Union and the City may, by mutual agreement, appoint an impartial third party to break the tie with a third vote. The City shall prepare copies of reports and

materials, and distribute to the JAC membership and any interested audience or stakeholders upon their request.

Section 4. Upon referral or dispatch from a Union, refusal by a Prime Contractor or Contractor to employ the dispatched worker (also known as a “turnaround”), requires a written explanation from the Contractor that shall be copied to the Prime Contractor (if different), City and affected Union, within two business days. The City shall make such turnaround explanations available in a timely way to other interested stakeholders, redacted as appropriate and subject to limitations of law.

Section 5. If the signatory Unions are unable to fill a request for employees within 2 business days, the Contractor shall request a referral from the City Job and Training Coordinator. If the City is unable to refer a worker that can satisfy the request, the City, Union and Contractors shall make any other reasonable efforts to comply with priority hire requirements and goals as practicable given the needs of the work to be performed.

Section 6. The Unions and Contractors agree to maintain copies of all Craft Request Forms used on Covered Projects. The City may review and inspect any Craft Request Forms, upon request.

## **ARTICLE VII WORK STOPPAGES AND LOCKOUTS**

Section 1. During this CWA, there shall be no strikes, picketing, work stoppages, slowdowns, **sick-outs**, or other disruptive activity for any reason by the Union, any applicable local Union or by any worker, and there shall be no lockout by the Contractor. Failure of any Union, local Union or worker to cross any picket line established at Covered Project sites violates this Article.

Section 2. The Union and every applicable local Union shall not sanction, aid or abet, encourage or continue any work stoppage, strike, picketing or other disruptive activity at the Contractor’s project site and shall undertake all reasonable means to prevent or to terminate any such activity. No worker shall engage in activities that violate this Article. Any worker who participates in or encourages any activities that interferes with normal operations on a Covered Project, shall be subject to disciplinary action, including discharge, and if justifiably discharged shall not be eligible for rehire on the project for a period of not less than ninety (90) days.

Section 3. Neither the Union nor any applicable Local Union shall be liable for acts of workers for whom it has no responsibility. The International Union General President or Presidents will immediately instruct order and use the best efforts of his office to cause the Local Union or Unions to cease any violations of this Article. An International Union complying with this obligation shall not be liable for unauthorized acts of its Local Union. The principal officer or officers of a Local Union will immediately instruct, order and use

the best efforts of his office to cause the workers the Local Union represents to cease any violations of this Article. A Local Union complying with this obligation shall not be liable for unauthorized acts of employees it represents. The failure of the Contractor to exercise its right in any instance shall not be deemed a waiver of its right in any other instance.

## **ARTICLE VIII DISPUTES AND GRIEVANCES**

Section 1. This CWA promotes close cooperation between management and labor. Each Union will assign a representative to ensure Covered Projects are completed economically, efficiently, continuously, and without interruptions, delays, or work stoppages.

Section 2. The Contractors, Unions, and workers, collectively and individually, realize the importance to all parties to maintain continuous and uninterrupted performance of project work and agree to resolve disputes under the grievance arbitration provisions herein.

Section 3. Any dispute on a Covered Project that is specific to labor relationships (other than jurisdictional disputes) shall be considered a grievance and subject to resolution under the following. The Prime Contractor and City shall be given copies of all notices and invited to participate in any meetings or proceedings. Failure of the grieving party to adhere to the time limits established renders the grievance null and void. The time limits established may be extended by written mutual consent of the parties at the step where the extension is agreed.

Step 1. If a worker, Contractor or Union subject to this CWA feels aggrieved by a labor issue, the worker may give notice to their Union representative. Within ten (10) business days after becoming aware of the grievance, the Union representative (which may be the business agent or the Steward) shall give verbal or written notice to the Contractor's worksite representative. The notice shall describe the violation(s) and provision violated.

The Union representative and Contractor's work-site representative shall meet or discuss the dispute within 3 business days after such notice. Each party may keep meeting minutes and send a copy to the other. If the discussion does not resolve the issue, either party may escalate the grievance to Step 2.

Step 2. To escalate the grievance into Step 2, the Union may, within two (2) business days after the discussion, send a written notice to the Contractor setting forth the alleged violation(s), providing a description, the date on which the violation(s) provoking the grievance occurred, and the provisions of the CWA that are alleged to have been violated. The Union will send a copy to the City.

The local Business Manager and/or their designee and the Prime Contractor and sub-tier Contractor (if any), shall meet within seven (7) business days after the written notice was delivered to the Contractor, to arrive at a satisfactory agreement. The meeting will be scheduled to also include a designee of the Director on behalf of the City. The City will take meeting minutes and share with the Prime Contractor, sub-tier Contractor (if applicable), and the Union as soon as practicable after the meeting, which is intended to be within two (2) business days.

Step 3. (a) If the grievance has not been resolved within five business days under Step 2, either party may request that the grievance be submitted to an Arbitrator mutually agreed upon by them. The Contractor and the involved Union shall attempt mutually to select an arbitrator, but if they cannot do so, they shall request the American Arbitration Association to provide them with a list of arbitrators from which the Arbitrator shall be selected. The rules of the American Arbitration Association shall govern the conduct of the arbitration hearing. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties. The fee and expenses of such Arbitration shall be borne equally by the Contractor and the involved Local Union(s).

(b) The Arbitrator shall have the authority to decide only issues presented to him or her, and he or she shall not have authority to change, amend, add to or detract from this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE IX JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES**

Section 1. The assignment of work will be solely the responsibility of the Contractor performing the work involved; such work assignments will be under the Plan for the Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes in the Construction Industry (the "Plan") or any successor Plan.

Section 2. All jurisdictional disputes on a Covered Project, between or among Building and Construction Trades Unions and Contractors of any tier, shall be settled and adjusted according to the present Plan established by the Building and Construction Trades Department or any other plan or method of procedure that may be adopted by the Building and Construction Trades Department. Decisions rendered shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Contractors and Unions parties to this Agreement.

Section 3. All jurisdictional disputes shall be resolved without the occurrence of any strike, work stoppage, or slow-down of any nature and the Contractor's assignment shall be adhered to until the dispute is resolved. Individuals violating this section shall be subject to immediate discharge.

Section 4. Each Contractor will conduct a pre-job conference with the appropriate Building and Construction Trades Council 2 weeks prior to commencing work. The Prime Contractor and the City will be advised in advance of all such conferences and may participate if they wish.

After attending a pre-job conference once, Contractors may submit a waiver request to the City, waiving the requirement to attend future pre-job meetings when they are performing the same scope of work (see Pre-job Package and Pre-Job Waiver forms in Attachment C). The City and Unions will mutually agree upon granting any such waivers.

Should an emergency make it impracticable for a Contractor to attend a pre-job two weeks prior to placement, the Contractor may give less than two weeks' notice and request a pre-job meeting by contacting the City.

## **ARTICLE X SUBCONTRACTING**

Section 1. Every Contractor of any tier agrees that they will not subcontract any Covered Project work except to a person, firm or corporation who has signed a letter of assent. Any Contractor working on the Project shall, as a condition to working on said Project, perform all work **exclusively** under this Agreement.

Section 2. If a Union that traditionally represents construction workers in the geographic area of the Covered Project chooses not to become signatory to this Agreement, the Contractor and signatory Unions shall utilize one or both of the following options to ensure that work may be claimed by the non-signatory Union ("claimed work") so the work is completed without disrupting the Project:

(a) The signatory Unions will provide the Prime Contractor and all other Contractors who assent to this Agreement with the appropriate workforce to perform the claimed work.

(b) The Prime Contractor may utilize any Contractor to perform claimed work except that if such Contractor is party to an agreement with the non-signatory Union, such Union must agree in writing to abide by ARTICLE IX (Jurisdictional Disputes) for the contractor to be awarded work under this Agreement. Such Contractor may utilize its existing workforce and wage and benefit package. Such Contractors shall be required to agree in writing to be bound to and abide by this Article, ARTICLE VII (Work Stoppages and Lockouts), and ARTICLE IX (Jurisdictional Disputes). No other provision shall apply to such contractors unless required by the Contractor.

Section 3. The Prime Contractor, City and the Unions commit to provide outreach, and train, mentor and support woman and minority contractors on any Covered Project. The City, Prime Contractor and Unions also will provide training and assistance about

working under the CWA to any interested contractor and those contractors who may wish to bid on such work.

Section 4. Any Contractor conducting a bid process for work to be performed for a Covered Project, shall notify all bidders of the requirement to comply with the terms and conditions of this CWA.

Section 5. If a Contractor of any tier subcontracts any work covered by this Agreement, such subcontractors of all tiers, shall sign letter of assent to this CWA, prior to beginning work on the Project.

## **ARTICLE XI CORE WORKERS**

Section 1. The parties agree that non-signatory contractors of any tier often have core workers, also referred to as core employees, that they use commonly on their work and who contribute to the efficiency and competitiveness of those non-signatory contractors. The parties seek to remove barriers for non-signatory Contractors so they can compete effectively on projects covered by the CWA without unnecessarily displacing their own workers to do so.

The non-signatory contractor may bring as many as five core workers onto the Covered Project for each contract accordingly.

Section 2. Core Workers are those that have worked on the Contractor' payroll a minimum of one thousand five hundred (1500) hours within the craft classification over the last two year period from the date of dispatch to the Covered Project and have also been on the Contractors active payroll for at least sixty (60) out of the ninety (90) calendar days prior to the execution of the contract for the affected Contractor. All Core Workers shall meet the minimum journey level qualifications of the craft they are performing, and shall hold all required licenses and certifications for the work of their craft, **unless the Core Worker(s) is an Apprentice registered with the Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council (WSATC). Any apprentice designated as a Core Worker shall abide by the minimum employment tenure defined in this section and abide by their craft apprenticeship standards. No apprentice may work outside of their craft jurisdiction.**

Section 3. The Contractor shall provide detailed documentation at the pre-job conference identifying their Core Workers on the project and their scope of work and submit certified payroll data to verify that the worker meets the required definition, redacted as appropriate. The City shall monitor Contractor compliance to this Core Worker definition.



## **ARTICLE XII EMPLOYMENT DIVERSITY**

Section 1. The Director will set a requirement for each project that directs the Prime Contractor to utilize workers from economically distressed ZIP codes (“priority workers”) for a specified share of total hours worked on the project by apprentices and journey-level workers. Workers that qualify towards those requirements shall be called “Priority Workers.”

Section 2. Unions shall first dispatch Priority Workers, and shall continue to prioritize the dispatch of such workers even after the required percentages are stabilized and suggest the Prime Contractor will achieve the requirements.

The Union shall prioritize dispatch of Priority Workers who are residents of Seattle ZIP codes first, and then dispatch Priority Workers from ZIP codes in King County, and then Priority Workers from any other economically distressed ZIP code (Attachment B).

Labor hours performed by workers living outside of Washington will be excluded from priority worker calculations that the City performs when calculating whether required percentages of total Priority Worker hours were achieved.

The Prime Contractor may receive a credit of up to 10% of the hours performed by Priority Workers, if they hire workers from the Priority ZIP codes who perform non-manual work and continue to employ said workers in these positions for the duration of the Contractor’s work on the Covered Project. Such substitutes must be approved by the Director.

The Union will dispatch women and people of color in a manner that best supports the aspirational goals for their utilization as agreed upon within the contract for the Covered Project.

## **ARTICLE XIII APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION**

Section 1. The parties and assenting Contractors agree to utilize apprentices from Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council (WSATC) programs for total hours established within the City contract for the Covered Project for no less than 15% and no more than 20% of total project hours on each project with the exact requirement set by the Director. The Prime Contractor shall provide a copy of their apprenticeship utilization plan upon request by the JAC. The Prime Contractor’s apprenticeship utilization plan will be reviewed by the JAC and appropriate efforts shall be taken to increase utilization.

Section 2. The parties and assenting Contractors agree to hire and facilitate utilization of those WSATC apprentices on Covered Projects and to facilitate the participation of people of color, women and persons from economically distressed areas. The Director will establish a goal for labor hours performed by female apprentices and people of color who are apprentices, for each project and may substitute other efforts to meet the

intent. The apprenticeship utilization plan provided by the Prime Contractor at the JAC shall describe how the Prime Contractor will achieve the goals for utilization of apprentices who are people of color and women.

**ARTICLE XIV  
VETERAN EMPLOYMENT**

Section 1. This CWA desires to facilitate the entry into the building and construction trades of veterans interested in careers in the building and construction industry. The Contractors and Unions agree to utilize the services of the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment (“Center”), the Center’s “Helmets to Hardhats” program, and other appropriate veteran programs, to serve as resources for preliminary orientation, assessment of construction aptitude, referral to WSATC registered apprenticeship programs or hiring halls, counseling and mentoring, support network, employment opportunities and other needs as identified by the parties.

Section 2. The Unions, Contractors and City Job and Training Coordinator agree to coordinate with the Center and other appropriate veteran referral sources, to maintain an integrated database of veterans interested in working on Covered Projects, and of apprenticeship and employment opportunities for Covered Projects. To the extent permitted by law, the Unions will give credit to such veterans for bona fide, provable past experience.

Section 3. This agreement will include Helmets to Hard Hats qualified applicants and other qualified veteran applicants from within the economically distressed ZIP codes as defined by the City, as part of the Priority Worker hours that the contract shall require the Prime Contractor to achieve for the Covered Project.

**ARTICLE XV  
PREFERRED  
ENTRY**

Section 1. The parties seek to construct and expand pathways to good jobs and lifetime careers for Priority Workers, women and people of color, through collaborative workforce development systems that also likely includes community-based training providers and WSATC registered apprenticeship programs. This facilitates a workforce reflective of the diversity and needs of ~~Seattle~~ Tacoma and the local region, supporting goals of workforce inclusiveness.

Section 2. This CWA establishes a Preferred Entry program that will identify individuals, especially women, people of color, and those from economically distressed ZIP codes as defined by the City, who meet entry standards for WSTAC apprenticeship programs that allow qualified preferred entry applicants into their programs.

Preferred Entry candidates shall be placed with Contractors working on Covered Projects, subject to an interview if requested by the Contractor. Selected Preferred Entry candidates who are not already first year apprentices shall become first period

apprentices.

To give preferred entry apprentices an opportunity to become established in their apprenticeship training, Contractors must employ Preferred Entry candidates for 700 hours, in order to count that candidate toward the Preferred Entry requirement. The Director may reduce the number of required hours to a minimum of 350 hours on Covered Projects that have insufficient total apprentice hours to support placements of a 700 hour duration.

Section 3. The Prime Contractor shall ensure one (1) of each five (5) apprentices on the Covered Project is from a recognized Pre-Apprenticeship program. Such programs include the Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Employment Program for Women (ANEW), YouthBuild, Helmets to Hard Hats or other mutually agreed-upon programs that serve people living in economically distressed ZIP codes, people of color, women and/or veterans. The list of such programs may be updated by mutual agreement between the City and the Seattle **Pierce County** Building and Construction Trades Council.

Section 4. The Unions and Prime Contractor agree to ensure hiring of Preferred Entry apprentices during the early start of work on the Covered Projects. The City, Unions and Contractors recognize Preferred Entry Apprentices that are still completing their first 1500 hours of employment.

Section 5. If a preferred entry apprentice leaves, Contractors will replace that apprentice with another from the preferred entry program.

Section 6. The hours worked by eligible Preferred Entry qualified applicants hired from such distressed economic ZIP codes will count towards accomplishment of the Priority Worker requirements.

Section 7. Identification and selection of qualified applicants shall include the Contractor(s), where candidates have been proposed by Contractors and the individual apprenticeship program's designated representative. The final selection decision will be the responsibility of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC).

## **ARTICLE XVI TERM**

Section 1. This agreement shall commence upon execution by all parties and shall continue in full force for a period of five years. The parties may mutually agree to amendments or modifications of this agreement.

Section 2. The agreement shall continue in full force and effect for each Covered Project throughout the duration of each project and until the last of the Covered Projects concludes. Either party desiring to extend this agreement beyond the intended five year term, shall make such intention known to the other party by written notice as soon as

practical, which may be as early as six months prior to the otherwise effective expiration date for this agreement.













ATTACHMENT A

**City of ~~Seattle~~Tacoma  
Community Workforce Agreement (CWA)  
Letter of Assent**

**CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

Public Works Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Works Contract Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name of Contractor/Subcontractor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor/Subcontractor has been awarded construction work within the scope of the City of Seattle's Tacoma's CWA and hereby agrees to be bound by all its terms and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

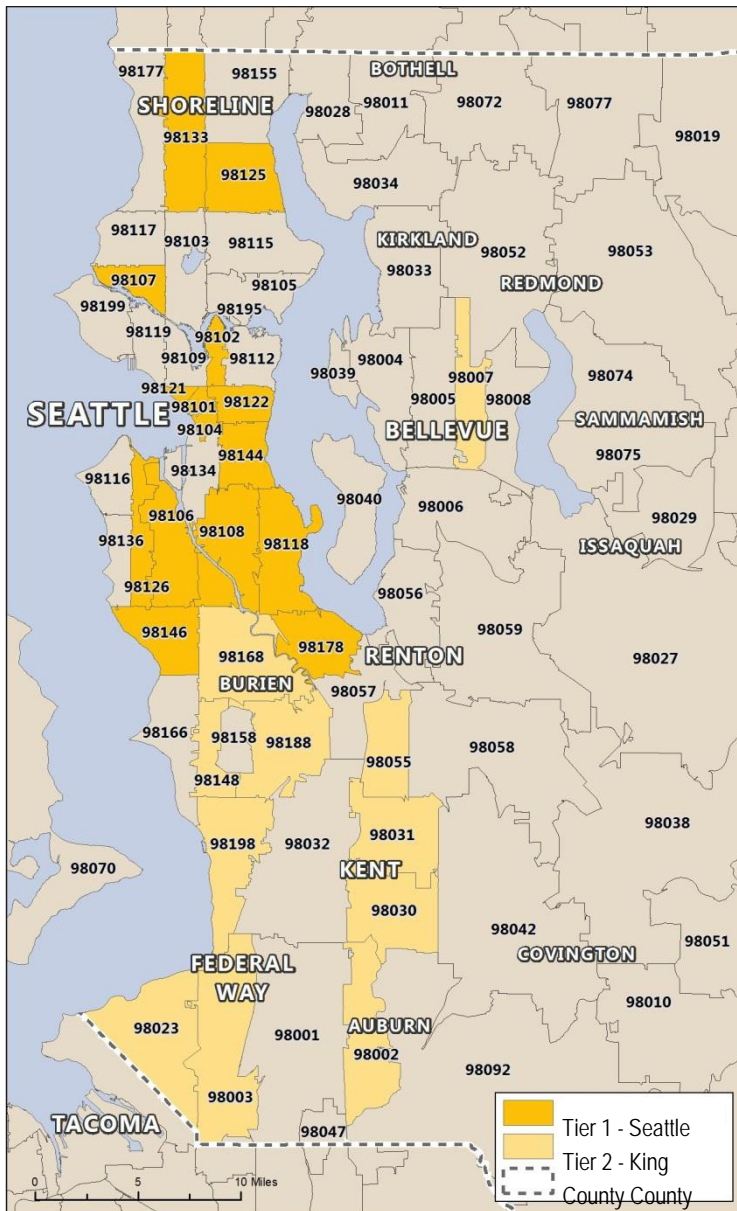
## ATTACHMENT B

# PRIORITY HIRE in the CITY of SEATTLE and KING COUNTY

Economically distressed ZIP codes in Seattle and King County were based on several indicators:

1. People living under 200% of the federal poverty line.
2. Unemployment rate.
3. Those over 25 without a college degree.

### CURRENT Priority Hire Economically Distressed ZIP Codes



Source: Community Attributes Inc., Priority Hire ZIP Codes, 2014

Tier	Neighborhood	ZIP Code
Tier 1	Downtown	98101
Tier 1	Capitol Hill/Eastlake	98102
Tier 1	Downtown/ID	98104
Tier 1	Delridge	98106
Tier 1	Ballard	98107
Tier 1	S. Beacon Hill/South Park	98108
Tier 1	Rainier Valley/Rainier Beach	98118
Tier 1	Belltown	98121
Tier 1	Central District	98122
Tier 1	Lake City/Northgate	98125
Tier 1	Delridge/High Point	98126
Tier 1	Bitter Lake/NW Seattle	98133
Tier 1	N. Beacon Hill	98144
Tier 1	White Center	98146
Tier 1	Rainier Beach/Skyway	98178
<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>King County Neighborhood</b>	<b>ZIP Code</b>
Tier 2	Kent/Auburn	98002
Tier 2	Federal Way	98003
Tier 2	Bellevue	98007
Tier 2	Federal Way	98023
Tier 2	Kent	98030
Tier 2	Kent	98031
Tier 2	Renton	98055
Tier 2	n	98148
Tier 2	Burien	98168
Tier 2	Boulevard Park/Tukwila	98188
Tier 2	SeaTac/Tukwila	98198



# PCMIA

America's Oldest Building and Construction Trades  
International Union, Established 1864

# Cement Masons & Plasterers Local 528

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CEMENT MASON PROVISIONS

### Community Workforce Agreement City of Seattle

Because of the unique nature of the Cement Mason work, the following provisions have been included for application to Cement Masons only:

**A. Start of Pour:** The Cement Mason crew must be on the job at the start of the shift in which finishing will be required and assist with the pour on slab work or work preparatory to concrete finishing coming within the jurisdiction of the Cement Masons.

**B. Multiple Shift Operation:** There will be no shift operation on slab work except by mutual agreement. Shifts may be established when considered necessary by the employer.

**C. Shifts and Hours of Work:** If a four/ten hour shift is established at the straight time rate, any Cement Mason dispatched for a one day pour will be paid at the eight (8) hour straight time plus two (2) hour overtime rate.

**D. Reporting and Minimum Hours Pay:**

1. Employees reporting for work and for whom no work is provided, except when given notification not to report to work, shall receive four (4) hours at the regular straight-time hourly rate.

2. When the shift is started, four (4) hours shall be allowed. If the second half is started, then a whole shift shall be allowed, unless an employee leaves of his own volition or is discharged for cause. In such event, he shall be paid for actual time worked.

**E. Work Hours Shall Be Uniform for ALL CRAFTS**

For the Union : OPCMIA Local 528

For: \_\_\_\_\_  
PROJECT OWNER

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

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PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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# Pre-Job Conference Package

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This package helps contractors understand the forms and requirements for the Pre-Job Conference, which is a required meeting under the City of Seattle Community Workforce Agreement (CWA). The CWA requires the following of every contractor.

1. The prime contractor must achieve workforce requirements for the project and relies on subcontractors to help fulfill those requirements. This includes a minimum share of hours performed by each of the following:
  - residents from certain Seattle and King County zip codes
  - women
  - people of color
  - graduates of registered pre-apprentice programs
  - apprentices
2. Every contractor signs a letter (included in the attached pre-job package) agreeing to work under the CWA.
3. Every prime contractor and subcontractor attends a Pre-Job Conference at least two weeks prior to their work on the job-site. A Pre-job Package is submitted to the prime contractor prior to that meeting. Unless granted a waiver, the contractor re-appears at another Pre-Job Conference prior to any other work on the project. The request for such a waiver can be obtained [here](#) and will only be considered when the same scope of work is being repeated.
4. Every prime attends a monthly Joint Administrative Committee.

## Tuesday Pre-Job Conference

Standing Meeting Every Tuesday @ 10am  
Seattle Building & Construction Trades Council Office  
14675 Interurban Ave. S., Auditorium 2, Tukwila, WA 98168

### Who attends:

- Contractors of any tier scheduled to work onsite
- City of Seattle staff
- Labor Union representatives

### Agenda:

- City staff explains the CWA and documentation required from all attending contractors
- Each contractor and subcontractor presents their Pre-Job Package, explains their contract scope, and answers questions
- Contractors request clarification or guidance from the city or unions
- Attendees discuss jobsite conditions and proposed trade assignments

### Prime (includes primes known as the GCCM) brings:

- Contract information including the project scope and job site address
- List of planned and working subcontractors
- Job site conditions such as start/stop times, safety plan, parking, water and restroom access

### Next Steps:

Contractors announce their trade assignments within one week after their Pre-Job Conference and send an email to City Purchasing and Contracting Services (CPCS) Labor Equity Program ([laborequity@seattle.gov](mailto:laborequity@seattle.gov)). Any Union may challenge the craft assignments up to one week thereafter.



# PRE-JOB PACKAGE

**Email this package to your Prime no later than Thursday before your Pre-Job Conference**

Subcontractor Name	
Subcontractor License#	
Pre-Job Meeting Date:	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Seattle Building & Construction Trades, Tukwila 14675 Interurban Ave. S., Auditorium 2, Tukwila, WA 98168	Women and Minority Business (WMBE): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/purchasing/wmbe.htm">www.seattle.gov/purchasing/wmbe.htm</a>
Prime Contractor:	Hiring Contractor (if any):
City of Seattle Contract #:	Hiring Contractor License #:

**Subcontract Detail**

Contact Name	
Contact Phone	
Subcontractor Address	
Current Union Agreements	
Contract Sub-package Name/Identifier	
Subcontract Dollar Amount	
Approximate Start Date	
Approximate Completion Date	
Job Site Location	
Job Superintendent	
Job Site Phone	
Craft Hiring Rep	
Project Manager	
Shifts	
Payday(s)	
Date Pay Period Ends	



Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Aid Provider Hospital	
Worker Parking Provisions <i>Review requirements in CWA Article II Section 1</i>	
Drinking Water Provided by	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subcontractors
Sanitation Facilities Provided by	<input type="checkbox"/> General Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractors
Number of Workers & Crafts Expected	
Scope of Work for subcontract, (Including prefabrication in Washington State)	

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# CWA – Proposed Trade Assignment

**All workers, including coreworkers, must be dispatched through the appropriate union hall.**

Please list trade assignments by craft in the table below. Describe the scope of work for each. List each piece of equipment planned for use by craft. Include all “tools of the trade” or part-time use of equipment. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

Craft	Scope	Equipment/Tools



# Project Craft Demand List

*List the number of workers per craft for both the peak and average number of workers.*

Craft	Peak	Average
Asbestos Workers		
Boiler Makers		
Brick Layers		
Carpenters		
Cement Masons		
Electrical Workers (Inside Wiremen)		
Electrical Workers (Outside Wiremen)		
Elevator Constructors		
Glaziers		
Insulators		
Iron Workers (Structural/Rebar)		
Iron Workers (Ornamental/Architectural)		
Laborers		
Millwrights		
Operating Engineers		
Painters		
Pile Drivers		
Plumbers & Pipefitters		
Plasterers		
Roofers		
Teamsters		

# Project Staff

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<b>Project Manager:</b>	
Office Contact #	
Cell Contact #	
Email Address	
<b>Office Contact:</b>	
Office Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
<b>Superintendent:</b>	
Office Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
<b>Safety Representative:</b>	
Office Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
<b>Drug Test Coordinator:</b>	
Office Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	



# Open-Shop Core Worker List

Open Shop Contractors without a collective bargaining agreement with Unions signatory to the City CWA may employ up to 5 of their own core workers, with possible exceptions that must be discussed with Union Representatives. A core worker is an employee that meets all the following (CWA Article IX Section 2):

- Worked on the (sub)contractor payroll at least 1500 hours within the craft classification during the last two years prior to the date of dispatch for this project
- Been on (sub)contractors active payroll for at least 60 of 90 calendar days prior to (sub)contract execution
- Meets journey level qualifications for the craft they are performing
- Holds all required licenses and certifications for the craft

Core workers include working foremen, lead (journeymen), working City-operators and apprentices, and are not supervisory, management or non-working non-signatory contractors.

**Core workers must place their name with the respective union hall dispatch prior to work.**

**CORE WORKER LIST:**

Employee Name	Classification	Hire Date	Has worker been on payroll 1500 hours in the last 2 years?	Has worker been on active payroll 60 out of the last 90 calendar days?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Your signature verifies the information above is accurate. If information is knowing misrepresentation of facts, (sub)contractor could be subject to breach and/or removal from the project.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Seattle  
Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Workforce Agreement Letter of Assent

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**CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

Public Works Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Works Contract Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name of Contractor/Subcontractor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor/Subcontractor has been awarded construction work within the scope of the City of Seattle's CWA and hereby agrees to be bound by all its terms and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

## Site Specific Safety Plan

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**Please attach a Site Specific Plan (*either copied and pasted here or in a separate document*).**

The (sub)contractor is responsible for providing and maintaining personal protective equipment (PPE) per WAC 296. The (sub)contractor must provide a robust replacement schedule for such PPE, which is subject to pre-job discussion. Safety rules shall be posted at the job site and uniformly enforced. (CWA Article II Section 2)

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City of Seattle  
Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Request for Pre-Job Conference Waiver

**(Sub)contractors who have already attended a pre-job conference for the same scope of work, may request a waiver from attending another pre-job conference. Complete and submit this form to the prime contractor. Work may only begin if the waiver is approved by the Building and Construction Trades Council.**

**Newscope of work?                      Yes                      No**  
**New contract?                            Yes                      No**

(Sub)contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sub to: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the scope of work to be performed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Specify proposed trade assignments and list craft unions and Local #:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List other project contracts you have performed under the City CWA. List and describe any jurisdictional, dispatch, grievance, and/or CWA compliance disputes.

CONTRACT#	DISPUTE DESCRIPTION
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Sub)contractor requests a waiver from the Pre-job Conference. The (sub)contractor agrees that the Building and Construction Trades Council and affiliated local union members retain their CWA to deny this waiver request and to challenge any proposed trade assignment.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: Seattle/King County Building Trades Council                      Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved:    Yes    No

