

Important Notice to All Contractors Bidding on Construction Related work for the Rio School District:

The State of California has Implemented New Changes regarding bidding and contracting for “ALL’ Public Works projects. California Senate Bill 854, which was signed in to law on June 20, 2014, established a new Public Works Contractor Registration Program which will collect fees to fund compliance monitoring and enforcement, determine prevailing wage and public works coverage and hear enforcement appeals.

This means all contractors and subcontractors intending to bid or perform work on public works projects will be **required to register for the program through the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), State of California. Currently the Registration fee is a non-refundable \$300.00 Fee and requires and annual renewal. Public Works** refers to construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work (Including maintenance) done under contract and paid for by public funds. For a more detailed explanation of public work projects, please refer to California Labor Code 1720-1720.6.

Beginning July 1, 2014, contractors must register and meet requirements using the online application before bidding on public works contracts in California. The application also provides agencies that administer public works programs with a searchable database of qualified contractors. Read the SB 854 Fact Sheet attached for a complete list of requirements.

Contractors or Subcontractors submitting bids to the Rio School District must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) by March 1, 2015. The requirement to use only registered contractors and subcontractors on public works projects, greater than \$1,000.00 applies to all projects awarded on or after April 1, 2015. After April 1, 2015 no bid shall be accepted and no contract, subcontract or purchase order shall be issued by the Rio School District without proof that the contractor or subcontractor is registered.

To learn more about the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) contractor registration information, requirements and process for registering, please look at the attachments provided as a part of this notification or go to the DIR website at:<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>.