



It's All in the Details: Reviewing payroll reports

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Agenda

- Review payroll reports
- Conduct employee interviews
- Compare interview forms with payroll reports
- Common challenges and troubleshooting tips

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Process

Recap

- ❖ Contract has been awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible, non-debarred bidder and Notice of Award issued, copying DHCD,
- ❖ The pre-construction conference has been held,
- ❖ The Notice to Proceed with Construction has been issued to the contractor, copying DHCD, and
- ❖ Construction has started.

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9 Key Steps



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Step 1 Initial paperwork submitted

- ❖ Certified Payroll Report,
- ❖ Certification of Subcontractors on Site,
- ❖ Register of Assigned Employees (RAE),
- ❖ Apprenticeship Program Documents,
- ❖ Monthly Register of Contractors, Subcontractors and Suppliers,
- ❖ Authorizations of Payroll Deductions, and
- ❖ Requests for additional job classifications

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Step 1

Responsibility of general contractor

- ❖ Responsible for the full compliance of all employers, including subcontractors and any lower-tier subcontractors, with observing all federal labor standards provisions
- ❖ Because of the contractual relationship between the general and any subcontractors, the subcontractors should generally communicate through the general, including submitting payroll paperwork or requests for additional wage classifications through the general contractor

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Step 2

Review Payroll Reports

U.S. Department of Labor Employment Standards Administration		PAYROLL (For Contractor's Optional Use. See instructions at www.dhs.gov/easrc/handbook/handbook.html)										WHD
Project Name: [Blank]		Project Number: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Employer's Name: [Blank]		Employer's Address: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Description: [Blank]		Project Location: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Start Date: [Blank]		Project End Date: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Status: [Blank]		Project Budget: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Manager: [Blank]		Project Supervisor: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Assistant: [Blank]		Project Coordinator: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Contact: [Blank]		Project Phone: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Email: [Blank]		Project Fax: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Website: [Blank]		Project URL: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01
Project Notes: [Blank]		Project Comments: [Blank]										Rev. 01/01/01

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Step 2

Helpers

- ❖ The wage classification “helper” must be listed on wage decision; otherwise:
 - If helper is being used to mean a trainee in an informal training program, he or she must be classified as a laborer
 - If work is not manual in nature and the worker uses tools or equipment normally associated with a journeyman, he or she must be paid the journeyman’s wage rate

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Step 2

Piece-work workers

- ❖ Paid by work completed, not by hours worked
 - Piece-work earnings divided by the total number of hours worked equals the effective hourly rate
 - Do weekly earnings sufficiently satisfy the wage rate requirement based on actual hours worked, including any overtime?
 - If not, the employer must make up the difference

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Step 2

1099 workers

- ❖ 1099 workers are considered independent contractors so FICA, federal taxes and state taxes are not deducted from their wages
- ❖ Every person who performs the work of a laborer or mechanic is “employed” regardless of any contractual relationship and must be paid as much as the wage rate on the wage decision for trade performed
- ❖ Form 1099 can be submitted in lieu of payroll report; if not, a fully completed payroll report must be submitted, showing workers are receiving the *effective hourly wage rate* of trade performed

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Step 3 Overtime

- ❖ Overtime hours are all hours worked on the project in excess of 40 hours in any work week
- ❖ Overtime must be paid at no less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the regular rate of basic pay as stated on the wage decision *plus* the straight-time rate of any required fringe benefits

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Step 3 Calculating overtime

Wage decision:
 $\$10 \text{ basic wage} + \$6 \text{ fringe benefits} =$
 $\$16 \text{ total wage obligation}$

Overtime rate:
 $1\frac{1}{2} \text{ times the wage decision's basic hourly wage rate } (\$10 * 1.5 = \$15) \text{ plus}$
 $\text{straight-time rate of required fringes } (\$6) = \$21 \text{ per hour}$

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Pop Quiz

Wage decision:
 $\$20 \text{ basic hourly wage rate} + \$5 \text{ fringe benefits} = \$25/\text{hr}$

Overtime equals:
A. $\$35.00 (\$20 * 1.5 = \$30) + \5
B. $\$37.50 (\$25 * 1.5)$

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Step 3 Types of required fringes

- ❖ Wage Decision may require:
 - No fringes (\$20 wage rate)
 - Set fringe as a percentage of base pay (\$20 + 5% = \$21)
 - Set fringe as a flat amount (\$20 + \$5 = \$25)

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Step 3 Fringes – Easy Variation

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Hanging & Form Work).....	\$ 21.51	7.27+2%

ELEC1340-010 12/01/2010		
	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 24.58	12.50%+5.30

ENG10147-024 05/01/2012		

- $\$21.51 + 7.27 + 2\% (43¢) = \29.21
- $\$24.58 + 12.5\% (\$3.07) + \$5.30 = \32.95

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Step 3 Fringes – Electricians

WARREN COUNTY

	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 26.87	3%+13.10+5

A. PAID HOLIDAYS: New Year's Day, Inauguration Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.		

- $\$26.87 + 3\% (81¢) + 13.10 = \40.78
- Plus paid holidays at \$40.78

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Step 4 What are allowable fringes?

❖ If Box A is checked, contractor must submit a list of the fringes and their value:

- Sick, vacation and holiday leave
- Health, dental, disability or life insurance
- Retirement plans
- Does not include unemployment and worker's compensation costs
- Does not include **employee** contributions to insurance or retirement plans

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Step 4 Calculating fringes

Wage decision:

\$12 basic wage + \$2.50 fringe benefits =
\$14.50 total wage obligation

Employer provides medical insurance:

\$200/month or \$2,400/yr (\$200 x 12)

Fringe value:

$\$2,400/\text{yr} \div 2,080 (40/\text{hrs} \times 52/\text{wks}) =$
\$1.15/hr so the contractor still owes the
worker \$1.35 in fringes

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Questions and Comments?

Use the chat feature to ask questions
and communicate with everyone!



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Step 6 Posting of Wage Decision



➤ Is the Wage Decision posted along with DOL and OSHA posters?

➤ Accessible to workers?

➤ Protected from elements?

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Step 6 Site observations

➤ Observe worker

➤ Note what the worker is doing and what tools and equipment are being used

➤ Take photos (Optional)

➤ Do the types and numbers of workers generally coincide with type of projects and payroll reports?



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Step 6 Conducting the Interview

Record of Employee Interview		U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Labor Relations		OMB Approval No. 2501-0002 (Rev. 10/21/01)	
1. Project Name Lincoln Street Water Project		2. Employee Name Timothy Lee Jones		3. Employee Home Address (including area code) Rt. 225, S. 8000	
4. Employer Name C.C. #12-09		5. Employer Home Address (including area code) 1200 Courthouse Road, Herndon, VA 22069		6. Date of Interview Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. How long has he/she been on this job? 1 month		8. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		9. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
10. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		11. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		12. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
13. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		14. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		15. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
16. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		17. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		18. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
19. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		20. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		21. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
22. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		23. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		24. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
25. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		26. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		27. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
28. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		29. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		30. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
31. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		32. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		33. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
34. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		35. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		36. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
37. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		38. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		39. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
40. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		41. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		42. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
43. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		44. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		45. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
46. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		47. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		48. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
49. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		50. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		51. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
52. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		53. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		54. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
55. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		56. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		57. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
58. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		59. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		60. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
61. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		62. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		63. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
64. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		65. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		66. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
67. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		68. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		69. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
70. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		71. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		72. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
73. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		74. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		75. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
76. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		77. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		78. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
79. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		80. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		81. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
82. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		83. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		84. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
85. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		86. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		87. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
88. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		89. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		90. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
91. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		92. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		93. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
94. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		95. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		96. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
97. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		98. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		99. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	
100. How long has he/she been on this job? Yesterday		101. How many hours per week does he/she work? 40 hours		102. How much does he/she earn per week? \$15.00	

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Step 6 Recording observations

13. Duties observed by the interviewer (Please be specific)		
Operating bulldozer		
14. Remarks		
Asked why he was operating bulldozer. Just moving it. Doesn't use it in day-to-day activities.		
15a. Interviewer name (please print)	15b. Signature of interviewer	15c. Date of interview
James Spader	James Spader	1/23/2013

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Step 7 Back in the office

Payroll Examination	
16. Remarks	
Payroll okay.	
17a. Signature of Payroll Examiner	17b. Date
Gloria Reuben	2/8/2013
Previous editions are obsolete	

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Step 8 Register of Assigned Employees

Register of Assigned Employees		Months Covered: January, 2013	Date Completed: February 1, 2013	
Include initial list of employees prior to start of construction, update throughout construction to show changes				
1a. Owner: Carolina County 1b. State #: 12-01 1c. Project Name: Lincoln Street Water Project 1d. Project Goals: 25% LOCAL LHM (Section 1) 1e. 27.0% MINORITY 1f. 6.1% FEMALE 1g. Project Contractor: J. Spadara Construction 1h. Contracted Amount: \$300,000 1i. Subcontractor: 1j. Contracted Amount: \$				
Employee Name	Hourly Rate	Job Title	Start Date	End Date
1. Daniel Day-Lewis	1. \$30.00	2. Foreman (Concrete Finisher)	3. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	4. yes 5. female
2. Bruce	3. \$30.00	4. Pipelayer	5. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	6. yes 7. female
3. Hal Holbrook	4. \$14.44	5. Pipelayer	6. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	7. yes 8. female
4. Carolan	5. \$14.44	6. Pipelayer	7. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	8. yes 9. female
5. Tommy Lee Jones	6. \$12.00	7. Pipelayer	8. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	9. yes 10. female
6. Hancock	7. \$12.00	8. Pipelayer	9. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	10. yes 11. female
7. Tommy Lee Jones	8. \$12.00	9. Backhoe Operator	11. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	12. yes 13. female
8. Hancock	9. \$12.00	10. Backhoe Operator	12. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	13. yes 14. female
9. Sally Field	10. \$12.00	11. Backhoe Operator	13. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	14. yes 15. female
10. Hancock	11. \$12.00	12. Backhoe Operator	14. 01/12/2010 - 04/02/10	15. yes 16. female

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Monthly Register of Contractors, Subcontractors and Suppliers

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Pop Quiz

Do you tell the contractor in advance when you will be on site to conduct employee interviews?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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Common payroll challenges

- ▶ Certified payroll reports not submitted weekly
- ▶ Statement of Compliance and/or Certification of Subcontractors on Site are not submitted or not filled out completely
- ▶ Box A on the Statement of Compliance is checked but itemized list of fringes and associated values are not submitted

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Additional payroll challenges

- Not receiving original CPR (payrolls can only be scanned or faxed to meet weekly deadline; must be followed up with originals in the mail)
- General contractor does not forward copies of the WD to subcontractors or forwards the wrong one in a dual wage situation

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Additional payroll challenges

- Wage classification listed on payroll report is not listed on wage decision
- More than one wage classification is listed for worker
- Underpayment of worker
- Overtime and/or fringe benefits are not paid

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Additional payroll challenges

- Non-standard deductions are not listed and/or not authorized
- Errors in math
- Register of Assigned Employees not submitted or not updated as needed
- Monthly Register of Contractors, Subcontractors and Suppliers not submitted monthly

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Challenges for the Grantee

- Employee interview forms are not compared to the appropriate payroll report and/or comparison is not noted on interview form
- Discrepancies between payroll and employee interview are not followed up on by CCO
- Insufficient number of interviews done

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Enforcing FLS

Call payroll clerk re: situation, resolution and deadline

Send follow-up email to payroll clerk if no satisfactory response

Send follow-up letter(s) signed by contract compliance officer and/or grantee

Review correction certified payroll report(s) and proof of any necessary wage restitution

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Withholding pay

Withhold payment, especially if wage restitution is not made within 30 days

General contractors are always responsible for their subcontractors' compliance

If violations are not resolved by contract closeout, report to DHCD

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Keys to Success

- Give the general contractor all the facts needed for a successful project at the pre-construction conference
- Set the tone with the first payroll
- Keep on top of the paperwork
- Attend the weekly construction conferences
- Do not be afraid to ask questions

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