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DATE: November 1, 2014  
TO: All contractors for Vista Unified School District  
REF: New Public Works Contractor Registration Program  
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**Senate Bill 854**, signed into law June 20, 2014, became effectively immediately. It 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.

***All contractors and subcontractors intending to bid or perform work on public works projects will be required to register, and annually renew, online for the program.*** The cost to register for the program is \$300.00 and is non-refundable..

Contractors or subcontractors submitting bids must be registered by **March 15, 2015**. The requirement to use only registered contractors and subcontractors on public works projects applies to all projects awarded on or after **April 1, 2015**. No bid can be accepted nor any contract or subcontract entered into without proof that the contractor or subcontractor is registered.

Following is a list of the current requirements to be included on the District's bid lists:

Licensed in good standing in the State of California  
Five years experience supported by references  
Insurance/bonding at minimum level of One Million Dollars  
Subject to Prevailing Wage criteria as established by the State of California  
Ability to post performance bonds if selected.  
Current registration with DIR per SB854:

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

More information can be found at The Department of Industrial Relations website; [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).