



CITY OF BOSTON JOBS AND LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE

THE LIVING WAGE DIVISION • (617) 918-5259

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Requirements Of The Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance

All City of Boston Departments awarding Service Contracts must provide vendors responding to Invitation for Bids (IFB), Request for Proposals (RFP) and Unadvertised Contracts with a copy of this Notice.

- 1. COVERED VENDOR:** Any for-profit or not-for-profit employer who employs at least 25 full-time equivalents (FTE) who has been awarded a Service Contract of \$25,000 or more from the City of Boston must comply with the provisions of the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance. FTE is defined in the Ordinance as a formula to calculate the number of employee work hours which equal one full-time position. For the purposes of this Ordinance, full time shall mean the standard number of working hours, between 35 hours and 40 hours per week that is used by the Covered Vendor to determine full-time employment.
- 2. COVERED SUBCONTRACTOR:** Any Subcontractor who is awarded a Subcontract of \$25,000 or more from a Covered Vendor and the Subcontract is paid from the funds of the City of Boston service contract, must comply with the provisions of the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance.
- 3. AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT REQUIRED:** All vendors proceeding with IFBs, RFPs or Unadvertised Contracts for \$25,000 or more, must file a **VENDORS LIVING WAGE AFFIDAVIT**, (Form LW-8), and the **COVERED VENDORS LIVING WAGE AGREEMENT**, (Form LW-2) at the time a Covered Vendor is awarded a Service Contract or signs an unadvertised Service Contract with the City of Boston.
- 4. PAYMENT OF LIVING WAGE:** Covered Vendors subject to the Ordinance must pay the *Living Wage*, which is currently \$13.76 per hour to all employees who expend time on a Service Contract of a Covered Vendor or Covered Subcontractor. The *Living Wage* is subject to an annual adjustment and will increase to \$13.89 as of July 1, 2014.
- 5. MAINTENANCE OF PAYROLL RECORDS:** Each Covered Vendor shall maintain payrolls for all Covered Employees and basic records relating thereto for a period of three years. The records shall contain the name and address of each employee, job title and classification, number of hours worked each day, gross wages, deductions made, actual wages paid, a copy of the social security returns, and evidence of payment thereof, a record of fringe benefit payments including contributions to approved plans, funds or programs and/or additional cash payments, and such other data as may be required by the Living Wage Division from time to time.
- 6. EXAMINATION OF PAYROLL RECORDS:** Each Covered Vendor shall permit the Living Wage Administrator or his/her designee to observe work being performed upon the work site, to interview employees and to examine the books and records relating to the payrolls being investigated.

- 7. COVERED EMPLOYEE FACT SHEET (FORM LW-4) AND POSTER:** All Covered Vendors shall provide each Covered Employee with a *Covered Employee Living Wage Fact Sheet (Form LW-4)* containing information about the Ordinance. In addition, all Covered Vendors shall hang a poster containing information about the Ordinance in a conspicuous location visible to all employees. The Living Wage Administrator shall provide the fact sheet and poster to Covered Vendors.
- 8. QUARTERLY AND BIENNIAL REPORTS (FORMS LW-9, LW-9A):** Covered Vendors shall provide Quarterly or Biennial reports to the Living Wage Administrator of their employment activities. Not-for-profit vendors with 50 or more FTEs and all for-profit vendors shall be required to provide such reports quarterly. Not-for-profit vendors with less than 50 FTEs shall be required to provide such reports biennially.
- 9. IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION/EARNED INCOME CREDIT:** Certain employees who earn less than \$52,000 per year **may** be eligible for certain federal and/or state tax credits called the **EARNED INCOME CREDIT**. Your payroll clerk is required to keep on hand the appropriate Internal Revenue Service forms, (Federal Form W5), information and instructions in the event any of your employees requests assistance in this matter.
- 10. PENALTIES AND REMEDIES:** In the event the Director of the Living Wage Division determines, after notice and hearing, that any Covered Vendor has failed to pay the Living Wage or has otherwise violated the provisions of the Ordinance, the Director may order any or all of the following penalties and relief:

 - Fines in the amount of \$300 for each Covered Employee for each day that the Covered Vendor is in violation of this Ordinance;
 - The filing of a complaint with the pertinent State or Federal agency;
 - Wage restitution for each affected employee;
 - Suspension of ongoing contracts and subcontract payments; and
 - Ineligibility for future Contracts with the City for three years or until all penalties and restitution have been paid in full.
 - Any other action deemed appropriate and within the discretion and authority of the city.
 - None of the above remedies is intended to be exclusive or a prerequisite for asserting a claim for relief to enforce the right granted under the Ordinance in a court of law. The Ordinance shall not be construed to limit an employee's right to initiate a court action for wrongful termination.
- 11. FIRST SOURCE HIRING AGREEMENT (FORM LW-10):** All Covered Vendors and Covered Subcontractors who are awarded a contract shall sign a First Source Hiring Agreement (Form LW-10) with one or more Referral Agencies or One Stop Career Centers.
- 12. DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT:** For the purposes of the Ordinance, The Living Wage Division of the Office of Jobs and Community Services is the City's Designated Department responsible for overall implementation, compliance and enforcement. The *Contracting Department* is the agency awarding the service contract. The Living Wage Division is located at 43 Hawkins Street, Boston, MA 02114, telephone: (617) 918-5259 or fax: (617) 918-5299. Any questions concerning the Ordinance, Regulations, or the current *Living Wage* amount, should be referred to the Living Wage Administrator.
- 13. REGULATIONS:** The Jobs and Living Wage Regulations are available during normal business hours at the Office of the Living Wage Division.



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VENDORS LIVING WAGE AFFIDAVIT

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If you are bidding on or negotiating a Service Contract that meets the above criteria, you should submit this Affidavit prior to the awarding of the contract. If you believe that you are exempt from the Living Wage Ordinance, complete Section 4: Exemption from Living Wage Ordinance, or if you are requesting a General Waiver, please complete Section 5: General Waiver Reason(s).

WARNING: No Service Contract will be executed until this Affidavit is completed, signed and submitted to the Contracting Department

IMPORTANT: Please print in ink or type all required information. Assistance in completing this Form may be obtained by calling or visiting, The Living Wage Administrator, The Living Wage Division of the Office Of Jobs And Community Services, telephone: (617) 918-5259, facsimile: (617) 918-5299, or your Contracting Department.

Part 1: VENDOR INFORMATION:

Name of Vendor: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Part 2: CONTRACT INFORMATION:

Name of the program or project under which the Contract or Subcontract is being awarded:

Contracting Department: _____

Start Date of Contract: _____ End Date of Contract: _____

Length of Contract: 1 year 2 years 3 years Other: _____ (years)

PART 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions regarding your company or organization:

1. Your company or organization is: *check one*:

- For Profit Not For Profit

2. Total number of "FTE" employees which you employ: _____

3. Total number of employees who will be assigned to work on the above-stated contract:

4. Do you anticipate hiring any additional employees to perform the work of the Service Contract?

- Yes No

If yes, how many additional F.T.E.s do you plan to hire? _____

PART 4: EXEMPTION FROM BOSTON JOBS AND LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE

Any Vendor who qualifies may request an Exemption from the provisions of the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance by completing the following:

I hereby request an Exemption from the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance for the following reason(s): Attach any pertinent documents to this Application to prove that you are exempt from the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance. Please check the appropriate box(es) below:

- The construction contract awarded by the City of Boston is subject to the state prevailing wage law; and
- Assistance or contracts awarded to youth programs, provided that the contract is for stipends to youth in the program. "Youth Program" means any city, state, or federally funded program which employs youth, as defined by city, state, or federal guidelines, during the summer, or as part of a school to work program, or in other related seasonal or part-time program; and
- Assistance or contracts awarded to work-study or cooperative educational programs, provided that the Assistance or contract is for stipends to students in the programs; and
- Assistance and contracts awarded to vendors who provide services to the City and are awarded to vendors who provide trainees a stipend or wage as part of a job training program and provides the trainees with additional services, which may include but are not limited to room and board, case management, and job readiness services, and provided further that the trainees do not replace current City funded positions.

Please give a full statement describing in detail the reasons you are exempt from the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance (attach additional sheets if necessary):

PART 5. GENERAL WAIVER REASON(S)

I hereby request a General Waiver from the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance. The application of the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance to my (check one):

- Service Contract
- Subcontract

violates the following state or federal statutory, regulatory or constitutional provision or provisions.

State the specific state or federal statutory, regulatory or constitutional provision or provisions, which makes compliance with the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance unlawful:

GENERAL WAIVER ATTACHMENTS:

Please attach a copy of the conflicting statutory, regulatory or constitutional provisions that makes compliance with this ordinance unlawful.

Please give a full statement describing in detail the reasons the specific state or federal statutory, regulatory or constitutional provision or provisions makes compliance with the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance unlawful (attach additional sheets if necessary):

PART 6: VENDOR AFFIDAVIT:

I _____ a principal officer of the Covered Vendor certify and swear/affirm that the information provided on this **Vendors Living Wage Affidavit** is true and within my own personal knowledge and belief.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE: _____



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COVERED VENDORS LIVING WAGE AGREEMENT

At the same time the City of Boston awards a Service Contract through a Bid, a Request for Proposal or an Unadvertised Contract, the Covered Vendor must complete this Form and submit it to the City, agreeing to the following conditions. In addition, any Subcontractor of the Covered Vendor shall complete this form and submit it to the City at the time the Subcontract is executed, also agreeing to the following conditions:

Part 1: Covered Vendor (or Subcontractor) Information:

Name of Vendor: _____

Local Contact Person: _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Part 2: Name of the program or project under which the Contract or Subcontract is being awarded: _____

Part 3: Workforce Profile of Covered Employees paid by the Service Contract or Subcontract:

A. List all Covered Employees' job titles with wage ranges (Use additional sheets of paper if necessary): Identify number of employees in each wage range.

JOB TITLE	< \$13.89 p/h	\$13.89 p/h- \$15.00 p/h	\$15.01 p/h- \$20.00 p/h	> \$20.01 p/h

B. Total number of Covered Employees: _____

C. Number of Covered Employees who are Boston residents: _____

D. Number of Covered Employees who are minorities: _____

E. Number of Covered Employees who are women: _____

Part 4: Covered Vendor's Past Efforts and Future Goals *(Use additional sheets of paper if necessary in answering any of these questions):*

Describe your past efforts and future goals to hire low and moderate income Boston residents:

Describe your past efforts and future goals to train Covered Employees:

Describe the potential for advancement and raises for Covered Employees:

What is the net increase and decrease in number of jobs or number of jobs maintained by classification that will result from the awarding of the Service Contract:

Part 5: Service Contracts:

List all Service Subcontracts either awarded or that will be awarded to vendors with funds from the Service Contract:

<u>SUBCONTRACTOR</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF SUBCONTRACT</u>

NOTE: Any Covered Vendor awarded a Service Contract must notify the Contracting Department within three (3) working days of signing a Service Subcontract with a Vendor.

IMPORTANT: Please print in ink or type all required information. Assistance in completing this Form may be obtained by calling, The Living Wage Administrator, The Living Wage Division of the Office Of Jobs And Community Services, telephone: (617) 918-5259 or your Contracting Department.

Part 6: The following statement must be completed and signed by an authorized owner, officer or manager of the Covered Vendor. The signature of an attorney representing the Covered Vendor is **not** sufficient:

I, (print or type) _____ (*Authorized Representative of the Covered Vendor*) on behalf of (print or type) _____ (*name of Covered Vendor*)

hereby state that the above-named, Covered Vendor is committed to pay all Covered Employees not less than the Living Wage, subject to adjustment each July 1, and to comply with the provisions of the Boston Jobs And Living Wage Ordinance.

I swear/affirm that the information which I am providing on behalf of Covered Vendor on this *Covered Vendor Agreement* is true and within my own personal knowledge. I understand that I am signing under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Signature

Date

Position with Covered Vendor