MEMORANDUM NO. WSD 2014-01a

TO: All State and County Governmental Contracting Agencies and Contractors

FROM: Dwight Takamine, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

SUBJECT: Sewer Line Pipe Cleaning and Inspection on Public Works Construction Projects

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) hereby gives notice to all contracting agencies and contractors that, Memorandum No. WSD 2014-01, dated January 31, 2014, is amended.

Memorandum No. WSD 2014-01 gave notice that the proper wage classification of workers who perform sewer line pipe cleaning and closed circuit television (CCTV) inspection work on State and/or county sewer repair (rehabilitation) projects which are covered under Chapter 104, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Wages and Hours of Employees on Public Works Law, is Plumber.

Under Section 104-2(b)(1)(B), HRS, "the rates of wages which the Director shall regard as prevailing in each corresponding classification of laborers and mechanics shall be the rate of wages paid to the greatest number of those employed in the State, the modal rate, in the corresponding classes of laborers or mechanics on projects that are similar to the contract work." Based on the wage survey results of 2013 and additional information received since then, we find that there are two prevailing classifications and rates of pay of a worker who performs sewer line pipe cleaning and CCTV inspection activities.

On public construction projects, workers who do cleaning and inspection of sewer lines must be classified and paid as:

"Plumber": when the work is within a building to the property line. However, if needed, the worker may perform cleaning and CCTV activities to the point of public disposal (sewer mains).
"Laborer": when the work is through the public disposal system (sewer mains). However, if needed, the worker may perform cleaning and CCTV activities to a property line.

- Laborer I: Workers performing inspection, operating the CCTV equipment and performing cleaning with the use of power tools and equipment.

- Laborer II: Workers using non-powered hand tools to perform the cleaning.

If you have any questions, please call the DLIR Wage Standards Division at (808) 586-8777. This document is available on the DLIR website at http://labor.hawaii.gov/wsd/guidelines/