MEMORANDUM NO. WSD 2014-01

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 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.

This determination is based on our wage survey of contractors who performed sewer line pipe cleaning and inspection work in 2013. 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." The wage survey results revealed that the modal rate for sewer line pipe cleaning and inspection is the Plumber rate.

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/