



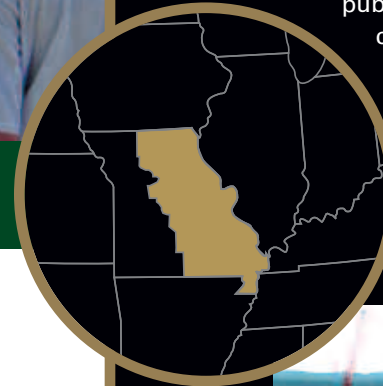
EASTERN MISSOURI LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL LECET

EMLDC LECET Urges State to Update Prevailing Wage Job Titles

The Eastern Missouri Laborers' District Council LECET (EMLDC LECET) convinced the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (MODOLIR) to open for comment the job descriptions contained in the state's prevailing wage law. Drafted in the early 1990s, the descriptions assigned many Laborers' tasks to other trades, and often are inconsistent with local area practice. This has put Laborers and the signatory contractors for whom they work at a real disadvantage. After extensive discussions with the Missouri Governor's Office, and years of lobbying by EMLDC LECET, in 2007, MODOLIR agreed to accept public comments on the job descriptions.

EMLDC LECET immediately alerted Missouri Laborers' Local Unions, signatory contractors, and various construction industry trade associations to the call for public comments. The affiliate encouraged contractors and Local Unions to write letters supporting changes to the job descriptions, and to solicit such letters from other contractors and colleagues. As a result, the state agency received more than 300 letters supporting Laborer-friendly changes to the prevailing wage job descriptions, and is expected to conduct several public hearings on the issue. EMLDC LECET and Missouri Laborer officials are asking MODOLIR to begin the rule-making procedure as soon as possible.

EMLDC LECET expects MODOLIR to decide how to proceed in early 2008, and will mobilize support for Laborer-friendly changes.



OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Helped Laborers and their signatory contractors secure work on a \$905-million cement manufacturing plant that also will employ Laborers when completed in 2009.
- Ran radio and television commercials promoting the use of Laborers' signatory contractors.
 - Urged public officials not to sign a public construction agreement that contained language harmful to Laborers and their contractors.
 - Participated in several community service projects, including the installation of park benches on the grounds of a historic church.



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EMLDC LECET helped Laborers and signatory contractors win work on the Holcim Cement plant, the largest such plant in the United States.

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