

BOLI seeks to censure Salem traffic Control Company
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The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries is planning to add another name to its list of companies that have been deemed ineligible to work on public projects.

The Salem-based traffic control firm of **WWJD Traffic Control Inc. did not pay overtime wages of almost \$160,000 for flagging and traffic control on five public projects**, according BOLI.

The workers have since been paid, but not by WWJD, according to BOLI, and were paid by the prime contractor on three of the projects.

Sixty other firms and individuals are on BOLI's list of those that are ineligible to work on public projects because of wage violations. Companies listed may be ineligible for up to three years unless they agree to a longer period during settlement negotiations, according to BOLI.

BOLI states that it learned through its investigation that WWJD Traffic Control Inc. also "submitted false and inaccurate" certified payroll reports on several projects and also failed to post the prevailing wage rate on all five projects as required by law.

BOLI spokesman Charlie Burr said the agency sent out a notice of intent to WWJD Traffic Control on April 24 and the company has 20 days to respond. The next step could include a hearing before an administrative judge, he said.

"The agency prosecutors will argue why they should not be eligible and they can argue the merits of their case, or we could settle before the hearing," Burr said.

The administrative law judge can then issue a proposed order to Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, who will issue a final order in the case.

BOLI will seek reimbursement of \$158,218 for wages WWJD Traffic Control didn't pay to workers, Burr said, plus more than \$83,000 in civil penalties for wage, recordkeeping and posting violations.