



August 2, 2016

Ms. Tina Hughes
C. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc
210 S. 3rd Street
Philadelphia., PA 19106

Re: Violation Notice/Warning Letter
Public Works Employment Verification Act
Project: PA/DOT Ellis Town Center Highway Improvements
PA Department of Transportation

Dear Ms.Hughes:

This correspondence shall serve as official notice that, as a result of an investigation or audit conducted by the Department of General Services, C. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc ("C. Abbonizio Contractors") has been found to be in violation of Section 5(1) of the Public Works Employment Verification Act (the "Act"), 43 P.S. §§167.1, *et seq.* The details of the violation are as follows:

The Act was effective January 1, 2013, and requires every public works contractor and subcontractor to utilize the federal E-Verify Program ("EVP"), operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, to verify the employment eligibility of new employees hired on or after January 1, 2013. Public works contractors and subcontractors must be in compliance with the Act prior to the award of the contract. An employee hired after the award of the public works contract must be verified within 5 business days of his or her start date.

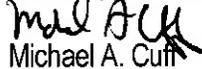
By letter dated April 25, 2016 the Department requested C. Abbonizio Contractors provide specific information establishing compliance with the Act. A review of the documentation submitted reveals that C. Abbonizio Contractors was awarded a public works contract by the PA Department of Transportation on December 17, 2015. According to the information submitted in response to the audit, C. Abbonizio Contractors hired a total of approximately thirty three (33) employees after the award of the contract. C. Abbonizio Contractors submitted a Public Works Employment Verification form acknowledging that it was in compliance with the Act as of June 29, 2016, after to the award of the contract; however C. Abbonizio Contractors did not initiate verification of the thirty three new employees until on or after June 28, 2016 which has been more than five business days after the employees' start dates. Therefore, C. Abbonizio Contractors did not properly utilize the EVP system to verify new employees in accordance with the Act and is in violation of Section 5(1) of the Act, 43 P.S. § 167.5(1).

This is C. Abbonizio Contractors' first violation under the Act. As required by Section 6(d)(1) of the Act, 43 P.S. § 167.6(d)(1), this first violation warning letter will be posted to the Department's publicly accessible website at www.dgs.pa.gov. If C. Abbonizio Contractors fails to comply with the Act or commits subsequent violations thereof, C. Abbonizio Contractors may be subject to civil penalties as well as debarment by the Department as provided for in Section 6 of the Act.

To appeal this determination, you must submit a written request for an administrative hearing setting forth all of the facts upon which the appeal is based, within ten (10) calendar days of the date of this letter, to the Deputy Secretary for Procurement, Department of General Services, 6th Floor, Forum Place, 555 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA, 17101. A filing fee of \$100.00, in the form of a certified check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of General Services, must be enclosed with the request.

Please refer to the Department's web site, www.dgs.pa.gov, for additional information on the requirements of the Act and the appeal procedures to be followed if C. Abbonizio Contractors requests an administrative hearing. Your cooperation with the Department in complying with the Act is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Cuff

Public Works Employment Verification Manager

cc: Janice Pistor, Chief, Strategic Support & Audits Division