



# Midwest Region LECET

LABORERS-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST

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**Proposed Extension of the Approval of Information Collection Requirement that Contractors and Subcontractors on Federal and Federally Assisted Construction Subject to Davis-Bacon Labor Standards Submit Weekly Certified Payrolls in Accordance with the Copeland Act.**

**About the Midwest Region Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust:**

The Midwest Region Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET) represents the following ten states throughout the Midwest: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas.

**Mission of the Midwest Region Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust:**

“The Midwest Region Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (MW LECET) brings the Midwest Region Laborers’ International Union of North America and its signatory contractors together to address issues of importance to both Laborers’ and their employers... It works closely with leading industry organizations on issues of importance to the entire industry such as transportation funding, market-related legislation, marketing strategies, and workforce development.”

**Comments of Midwest Region Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust regarding certified payroll requirements:**

The sole responsibility of the USDOL Wage and Hour Division is to protect workers’ pay. There are very few mechanisms available to workers to hold employers accountable. This necessary function of collecting and reviewing certified payroll reports on federal and federally assisted construction projects gives workers a very important tool to ensure he or she is being paid at a level that is commensurate with other workers engaged in the same work in a given geographic area. The USDOL Wage and Hour Division cannot function, or be even minimally effective, without certified weekly payrolls. While we all know cheaters cheat, this method of requiring and collecting the certified payroll, minimally, puts a contractor on notice that he/she must certify rates of pay to his/her workers and to the public. This requirement protects workers, protects tax payers, and is an absolutely necessary requirement for the Wage and Hour Division to function.

In conclusion, on behalf of the ten states that comprise the Midwest Region Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust partners, we urge the USDOL to continue the practice of requiring certified payroll records.