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September 15, 2017

Dear Employer:

I'm writing to let you know about this year's Northeast Regional Woods Wage Survey. We are required to conduct this survey as part of a federal program that determines the prevailing wages paid to pulpwood/logging laborers. We greatly appreciate the cooperation you have given us in the past, making it possible to establish prevailing wages by occupational activity for your industry.

This survey asks employers to provide wage rates, number of hours worked, etc. for woods laborers during one week of the peak season. **The payroll week selected for this year's survey is the week which includes Friday, September 1, 2017.**

We ask that you complete the enclosed forms and return them to us by Friday, September 29 in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Please include only those workers whose primary duties are woods laborers and indicate if workers are owners, family members or students. We also need information for any firms/individuals employed in logging related transportation, construction, mechanical operations, clerical, management, and supervisory work.

We know this is a busy time for you; if you would rather send us a copy of your payroll records for the survey week, please do so. If you had no employment of woods laborers during this week, please still complete and return the *Survey of Prevailing Practices*. All information regarding individuals and employers will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions or prefer assistance with the survey, please contact Merrill Huhtala at (207) 621-5196, e-mail at Merrill.S.Huhtala@Maine.gov or fax to (207) 287-2947. Visit our website for forms, links, frequently asked questions, and more at <http://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/wageSurveys.html>.

Sincerely,

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