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## Prevailing Wage Database Allows Public to Monitor Wages Paid on **Projects**

**SPRINGFIELD** – Beginning January 1, 2022, the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) will be responsible for maintaining a database that allows the public to search certified payrolls submitted by construction contractors on public works projects subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. This is the result of <a href="Public Act 102-0332">Public Act 102-0332</a> that was passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Pritzker.

"This is a step toward transparency in public spending that will help keep employers accountable," said **Illinois Department of Labor Director Michael Kleinik**. "It will also allow public bodies to monitor the wages paid on projects they initiate."

In 2020, IDOL began accepting certified payroll submissions from construction contractors on public works projects subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Contractors are required to file those certified payrolls by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This is done to ensure contractors are complying with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

By the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each month following the month work was performed, IDOL will make relevant information available to the public.

That information includes each worker's classification, skill level (such as apprentice or journeyman), gross wages paid in each pay period, number of hours worked each day, start and end times of work each day, hourly wage rate, hourly overtime wage rate, and hourly fringe benefit rate.

The database shall be searchable by contractor name, project name, county in which the work was performed and contracting public body.