

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR

## CONTRACTORS & CONTRACTING AGENCIES

### Social Security Numbers on Certified Payrolls

The Department of Labor is cognizant of the concerns of the potential for misuse or inadvertent disclosure of social security numbers. Identity theft is a growing problem and we are sympathetic to contractors' concerns with regard to inclusion of this information on payrolls if another identifier will suffice.

For these reasons, *the substitution of the use of the last four digits of the social security number on certified payrolls submitted to contracting agencies on public work projects is now acceptable to the Department of Labor.*

**NOTE:** This change does not affect the Department's ability to request and receive the entire social security number from employers during the course of its public work / prevailing wage investigations.