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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



Pete Ricketts, Governor

January 30, 2018

Patrick O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: Public Benefit Annual Report 2017

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) submits its annual report for the period covering January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 regarding implementation and compliance requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§4-108 to 4-113 by agencies paying public benefits.

Ten programs administered by NDOL provide public benefits as defined in Neb Rev. Stat §§4-109. Attachment A lists the program and the type of public benefit provided by each program.

All programs have procedures in place to ensure that applicants for public benefits are required to attest to citizenship or provide evidence of legal working status as part of the public benefit application process. NDOL verifies legal working status of non-citizens through Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) under an expanded agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security) according to Neb Rev. Stat. §§4-108.

Public contracts and agreements include language requiring contractors and consultants and their subcontractors to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system is defined as the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify program, or an equivalent federal program designated by Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly-hired employee.

John H. Albin, Commissioner

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If the contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

1. The contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) website at <http://das.nebraska.gov/>.
2. If the contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the contractor agrees to provide the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the contractor's lawful presence in the United States, using the SAVE program.
3. The contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required, and the contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat § 4-108.

Licensing applications received by NDOL programs during the reporting period were verified through the SAVE verification process. Public employee work eligibility verification is administered by DAS Personnel and Employee Relations. No employee is allowed to participate in any retirement system unless the employee is a United States citizen or qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Act.

Sincerely,

John H. Albin
Commissioner of Labor

Attachment

cc: Pete Ricketts
Governor
State Capitol Building, NW

ATTACHMENT A

Programs Providing Public Benefits As Defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§4- 109

Program	Type of Benefit	Number of Applicants	Applicants Indicating Non-Citizenship	Applicants Denied Public Benefit for Failure to Establish Lawful Presence
Contractor Registration Act	Contractor Registration	18,067	466	53
Conveyance Safety Act	Mechanic Licensing Contractor Licensing Elevator Licensing	9	0	0
Farm Labor	License to engage in business as a farm labor contractor	30	0	0
H-1B Ready to Work Partnership (RTW) Grant - CONNECT	Training and support (direct cash payments and reimbursement of costs associated with training tuition and costs)	131	9	0
Job Driven National Emergency Grant (JD-NEG)	Training and support (direct cash payments and reimbursement of costs associated with training tuition and costs)	34	3	0

Program	Type of Benefit	Number of Applicants	Applicants Indicating Non-Citizenship	Applicants Denied Public Benefit for Failure to Establish Lawful Presence
Private Employment Agency	License to engage in business as a private employment agency	3	0	0
Professional Employer Organizations	Registration/License	110	0	0
Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)	Training and support (direct cash payments and reimbursement of costs associated with training tuition and costs)	78	2	0
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment insurance benefits (direct cash payments)	46,252	1,877	39
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Greater Nebraska Local Area	Training and support (direct cash payments and reimbursement of costs associated with training tuition and costs)	672	57	0