

# SURGE AB 2143 Updates and Informational Webinar

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Guidance & Education

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# Today's Agenda



- Introductions
- Updates
- Overview AB 2143 and PUC §769.2
- Contractor Responsibilities for AB 2143 Projects
- Using the SURGE Compliance Portal
- SURGE Contractor Inquiries:  
Frequently Asked Questions
- Important Reminder
- Contact Us & Resources
- Q&A

# Introductions

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# AB 2143 Updates

# Updates: 2026 DIR Trainings

- California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) has published their upcoming trainings for 2026.
- Provides an overview on prevailing wages.
- Next training is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.
- Visit the [DIR Support Center](#) for more information.

Subject	Date and Time	Location	Audience	Registration
FFC Seminar	February 12, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Online Webinar	Contractors and Awarding Bodies	<a href="#">Register</a>
FFC Seminar	April 23, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Online Webinar	Contractors and Awarding Bodies	<a href="#">Register</a>
FFC Seminar	June 18, 2026 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	San Francisco, CA	Contractors and Awarding Bodies	<a href="#">Register</a>
FFC Seminar	August 13, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Online Webinar	Contractors and Awarding Bodies	<a href="#">Register</a>
FFC Seminar	October 15, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Online Webinar	Contractors and Awarding Bodies	<a href="#">Register</a>

# Updates: Outreach & Education Plan

## Outreach and Education Plan 2026

SOLAR-UTILITIES REPORTING, GUIDANCE, & EDUCATION (SURGE) SUPPORTING AB 2143 & PUC 769.2



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Updated February 2026

- The SURGE Team finalized the 2026 Outreach and Education Plan in February 2026.
- Includes information on how we can improve outreach and education to contractors in meeting AB 2143 compliance requirements.
- 2026 Goals & Objectives include:
  - Hosting a workshop at least once per quarter
  - Updating language and making content clearer on website and other resources
  - Create “Important Notices” section on website
  - Clearer instructions for the SURGE Compliance Portal

# Updates: AB 1104

The screenshot shows the California Legislative Information website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'skip to content', 'home', 'accessibility', 'FAQ', 'feedback', 'sitemap', and 'login'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Quick Search:' and a dropdown menu for 'Bill Number' with the value 'AB1 or ab 1 or ABX' and a 'go' button. The main content area is titled 'AB-1104 Net energy metering: construction of renewable electrical generation facilities: public works project requirements. (2025-2026)'. It includes a 'Text' tab, a 'SHARE THIS:' section with Facebook and X icons, and a 'Date Published: 10/13/2025 02:00 PM' label. The bill title is 'Assembly Bill No. 1104' and 'CHAPTER 632'. The description is 'An act to amend Section 769.2 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.' and it is dated '[ Approved by Governor October 11, 2025. Filed with Secretary of State October 11, 2025. ]'. Below this is the 'LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST' section, which begins with 'AB 1104, Pellerin. Net energy metering: construction of renewable electrical generation facilities: public works project requirements.' and contains a detailed paragraph about net energy metering (NEM) requirements.

- Effective January 1, 2026, changes under Assembly Bill (AB) 1104 amend Public Utilities Code (PUC) 769.2 and impact AB 2143 projects.
- Under AB 1104:
  - The Prime Contractor is now considered the “Awarding Body” for the purposes of project registration.
  - The Prime Contractor must register the project with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).
  - Contractors are now responsible for DIR Project Registration which was previously completed by the project owner.
  - View [full text of AB 1104](#) on the California Legislative Information website.

# Updates: AB 1104

## Under AB 1104, in addition to registering as a Public Works Contractor, Prime Contractors can do the following:

### **Register as an Awarding Body with DIR**

- Register using a ***separate email address*** than the email used for the contractor registration
- Follow DIR's guide [How to Create an Account for an Awarding Body](#)
- Include AB 1104 in the name. Example:  
Awarding Body Account: "AB 1104 Jay's Solar"
- If the email used to register as an Awarding Body does not have a ".gov", ".org", or equivalent, the DIR must manually verify the account. Contractors do this by emailing [publicworks@dir.ca.gov](mailto:publicworks@dir.ca.gov).

### **Register Projects with DIR**

- Follow DIR's guide to register Projects:
  - [How to Register a Project](#)
  - [How to Edit a Project](#)
- Projects must be registered within 30 days of being awarded a contract and no later than the first day in which the contractor has workers employed upon the public work.
- DIR has recommended including "AB 2143" in the name field (e.g. Jim's Solar Project – AB 2143) when completing the project registration.

# Updates: SURGE Website

- The SURGE website has been updated to include the following:
  - The homepage now includes an “Important News and Announcements” section
  - New resources have been added to the “Education” tab
    - 2026 Outreach and Education Plan
    - AB 1104 flyer
  - The “Happenings” page has been updated with new events

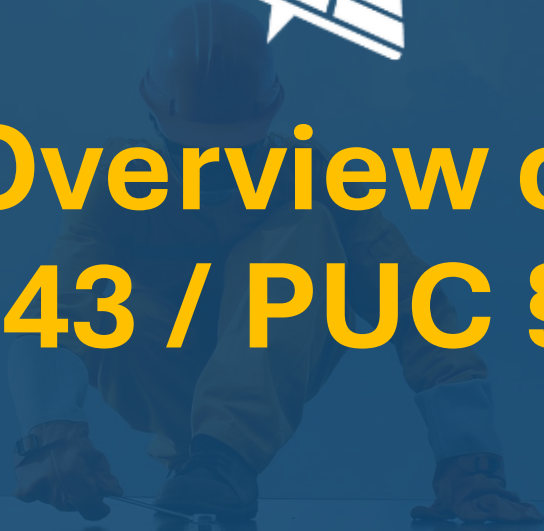


The screenshot displays the SURGE website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SURGE logo and links for Home, About, Education, FAQs, Happenings, Contact Us, Register, and Payroll Submission. The main heading reads: "The Official AB 2143 Resource for Helping Contractors Navigate Renewable Energy Compliance with Ease." Below this, a section titled "Important News & Announcements" is highlighted with a red arrow. This section contains three bullet points:

- 2/17/26: The SURGE [2026 Outreach and Education Plan](#) initiative has been finalized.
- 2/4/26: The California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) has released their schedule of [2026 Public Works Trainings](#).
- 1/1/2026: [Awarding Responsibilities Update](#): Under Assembly Bill (AB) 1104, Prime Contractors are now considering the “Awarding Body” for the purposes of project registration.



# Overview of AB 2143 / PUC §769.2



# AB 2143 Excerpt

Existing law imposes various requirements on public works projects, as defined, including a requirement that, at minimum, all workers employed on a public works project be paid the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which a public work is performed, as specified.

This bill would apply those public works project requirements to the construction of any renewable electrical generation facility, and any associated battery storage, after December 31, 2023, that receives service pursuant to the 2nd standard contract or tariff, except (1) a residential facility that will have a maximum generating capacity of 15 kilowatts or less of electricity or that will be installed on a single-family home, (2) a project that is already a public work under existing law, or (3) a facility that serves only a modular home, a modular home community, or multiunit housing that has 2 or fewer stories. The bill would require a contractor who enters into a contract to perform work on the renewable electrical generation facility or associated battery storage to pay each construction worker employed in the execution of the work, at minimum, the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and each apprentice, at minimum, the applicable apprentice prevailing rate, as specified. The bill would authorize specified mechanisms to be used to enforce those wage requirements. The bill would provide that, if a willful violation of the bill's requirements has been enforced against a contractor for the construction of a renewable electrical generation facility using those mechanisms, the facility is not eligible to receive service pursuant to those standard contracts and tariffs.

# What is AB 2143 / PUC §769.2?

- **Purpose:** Ensure construction workers and apprentices involved in qualified customer-sited renewable electrical generation (largely solar and solar with storage) facilities are paid prevailing wages.
- **Effective Date:** Starting January 1, 2024
- **Renewable Energy Facility Qualifications:**
  - Renewable energy generation facility, and any associated battery storage, that seeks to use the contract or tariffs pursuant to PUC 2827.1 will constitute as **public works**. (PUC §769.2(a))
  - The PUC 2827.1 tariffs include the net energy metering and net billing tariffs.

*Ensures that Contractors are paying workers prevailing wages on qualified solar projects.*

# AB 2143 / PUC §769.2 Requirements

**All contractors (including Prime and lower-tier subcontractors) working on eligible renewable energy (solar) projects must meet AB 2143 / PUC §769.2 requirements.**



✓ Pay construction workers & apprentices prevailing wages (PUC 769.2(b)(1))



✓ Maintain and verify certified payroll records through the California Department of Industrial Relations. (PUC 769.2(b)(2))



✓ Submit digital copies of certified payroll records to the Commission twice a year on July 1 and December 31 of each year. (PUC 769.2(b)(3))

## Eligibility Exceptions PUC §769.2(f)(1-4)

**If you answer "yes" to any of the following, your project may not be subject to AB 2143 requirement:**

- Is the project a residential facility with a **maximum** generating capacity of **15 kilowatts** or **less** or installed on a single-family home?
- Is the projects already classified as a public work under existing law?
- Do the facilities serve only a modular home, a modular home community, or multiunit housing with 2 or fewer stories?



# **Contractor Responsibilities for AB 2143 Projects**

## **Step by Step**

# Contractor Responsibilities for AB 2143 Projects

## Steps Overview



**1. Complete the IOU Interconnection Application and AB 2143 Disclosure Form (Primes)**

**2. Register with the DIR**

- **2a. Awarding Body Registration (Prime)**
- **2b. Project Registration (Prime)**
- **2c. Public Works Contractor Registration (Primes & Subs)**

**3. Register with SURGE**

- **3a. AB 2143 Contractor Registration (Primes & Subs)**
- **3b. AB 2143 Project Registration (Primes)**

**4. Work on the Project (Primes & Subs)**

**5. Report Certified Payroll Records (CPRs)**

- **5a. Report CPRs to DIR (Primes & Subs)**
- **5b. Report Copies of CPRs to SURGE (Primes & Subs)**

# 1. Complete the IOU Interconnection Application and AB 2143 Disclosure Form

- Submit the Interconnection Application to the correct utility (PG&E, SCE, or SDG&E).
- While completing the Interconnection Application, based on your responses on the Prevailing Wage Checklist section, this will identify if the project falls under AB 2143 then you will need to fill out and sign the **Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form**.
- If anyone other than the Prime Contractor is submitting the application, they must notify the Prime Contractor about the AB 2143 requirements listed in the Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form.
- **DO NOT** overlook the requirements or penalties described in the Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form.
- SURGE uses the information in the Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form to identify AB 2143 projects.
- If you believe your project is not subject to AB 2143, then send an email to SURGE at [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org) ASAP.

PREVAILING WAGE CHECKLIST



Is this a residential Generation Facility with a maximum capacity of 15 kW or less of electricity? No

Is this a single-family home? No

Is this a public works project (as defined in Section 1720 of the Labor Code) that is subject to Article 2 (commencing with Section 1770) of Chapter 1 of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code, independent of Assembly Bill 2143? No

Does this Generating Facility serve only a modular home, a modular home community, or multiunit housing that has two or fewer stories? No

Applicant certifies and confirms to PG&E that past required submittals of payroll records are up to date, pursuant to CPUC Decision 23-11-068. The contractor's submission of payroll records is a condition to access tariffs developed pursuant to PU Code Section 2827 or 2827.1 for a customer REGF subject to PU Code Section 769.2. Note: If checkbox is not selected, the applicant cannot move forward with the application process. Yes

Please answer:  
Applicant certifies and confirms to SDG&E that past required submittals of payroll records are up to date, pursuant to CPUC Decision 23-11-068. The contractor's submission of payroll records is a condition to access tariffs developed pursuant to PU Code Section 2827 and 2827.1 for a customer REGF subject to PU Code Section 769.2. Note: If your answer is no, the applicant cannot move forward with the application process. Yes No

Pursuant to CPUC Decision 23-11-068, the following information must be provided. If the answer to all the following questions is no, your contractor must comply with California Public Utilities Code 769.2.

Beginning January 1, 2025, contractors who have been found in violation of the prevailing wage rule in PU Code Section 769.2 will not be permitted to apply to interconnect facilities utilizing tariffs established pursuant to PU Code sections 2827 or 2827.1.

Additionally, consistent with the Commissions Tribal Consultation Policy, contractors and investor-owned utilities that have implementation questions with respect to Renewable Electrical Generating Facilities on Indian Lands should contact the Commissions Deputy Executive Director of Energy and Climate Policy or the Commissions Office of the Tribal Advisor.

Is this a residential Generation Facility with a maximum capacity of 15 kW or less of electricity? Yes No

Is this a single-family home? Yes No

Is this a public works project (as defined in Section 1720 of the Labor Code) that is subject to Article 2 (commencing with Section 1770) of Chapter 1 of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code, independent of Assembly Bill 2143? Yes No

Does this Generating Facility serve only a modular home, a modular home community, or multiunit housing that has two or fewer stories? Yes No

This generating facility is subject to the Prevailing Wage provisions of California Public Utilities Code (PUC) 769.2. The SDG&E Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form 142-02783 provides important information about your Contractors obligations under PUC 769.2 which may include the loss of eligibility of the generating facility for participation in any SDG&E tariff or contract developed pursuant to PUC 2827 or 2827.1. Please upload a customer signed Form 142-02783 in Step 6 of this application process.

# Prevailing Wage Checklist

## Examples from PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E



PREVAILING WAGE CHECKLIST

Pursuant to CPUC Decision 23-11-068, the following information must be provided. If the answer to all the following questions is "no," your contractor must comply with California Public Utilities Code 769.2.

Additionally, consistent with the Commission's Tribal Consultation Policy, contractors and investor-owned utilities that have implementation questions with respect to Renewable Electrical Generating Facilities on Indian Lands should contact the Commission's Deputy Executive Director of Energy and Climate Policy or the Commission's Office of the Tribal Advisor. Commission staff should work to timely resolve these issues.

Please note: Prevailing Wage provisions are not applicable until 1/1/2024 at which point they will be enforced.

1. Is this a residential Generation Facility with a maximum capacity of 15 kW or less of electricity? \*  
No

2. Is this a single-family home? \*  
No

3. Is this a public works project (as defined in Section 1720 of the Labor Code) that is subject to Article 2 (commencing with Section 1770) of Chapter 1 of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code, independent of Assembly Bill 2143? \*  
No

4. Does this Generating Facility serve only a modular home, a modular home community, or multiunit housing that has two or fewer stories? \*  
No

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Applicant certifies and confirms to SCE that past required submittals of payroll records are up to date, Pursuant to CPUC Decision 23-11-068. \*

# AB 2143 Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form Example Form: PG&E (pg. 1 of 2)



California's prevailing wage law (Public Utilities Code section 769.2) applies to the contractor(s) constructing this Renewable Generating Facility. This Disclosure Form provides PG&E's customer installing such a facility with information about the customer's contractor's obligations and the consequences to the customer for the contractor's failure to comply with the prevailing wage law. If, for instance, the contractor does not pay prevailing wages to its workers during the construction of this facility, this facility will be ineligible for service on any Net Energy Metering and Net Billing Tariffs, also known as Solar Billing Plan (SBP), and this facility will be transferred to another tariff for the purpose of compensating the customer for exports from the facility.

<b>Contractor Company Name:</b>		
<b>Contact Name:</b>	<b>CSLB # (required)</b>	
<b>Project Name:</b>		
<b>Project ID</b>	<b>PG&amp;E Service Account #</b>	
<b>Generating Facility (Service Account) Address:</b>		
<b>Estimated Work Start Date:</b>		
<b>Estimated Work Completion Date:</b>		

### Compliance with Prevailing Wage Law

#### 1. Requirements:

- a. Contractors seeking to interconnect new or modified renewable generating facilities with or without paired energy storage systems<sup>1</sup> on or after January 1, 2024, must:
  - i. Pay each of its workers a prevailing wage as defined by Public Utilities Code § 769.2;
  - ii. Maintain and bi-annually supply payroll records to the CPUC on July 1 and December 31;
  - iii. Maintain and supply payroll records to the Department of Industrial Relations in accordance with the Labor Code § 1771.4
- b. Customers installing and interconnecting such facilities must, as part of the interconnection application, execute and submit this Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form before PG&E will interconnect the facility.

I understand that if the contractor of record on this interconnection request has previously failed to submit required payroll records to the CPUC in connection with its work on my or other customers' facilities, permission to operate the proposed Generating Facility will be delayed until that deficiency is corrected. More information can be found at: <https://cpucsurge.org>

#### 2. Penalties: Violations of the above will result in PG&E imposing the following penalties on the customer:

- a. If after PG&E has issued permission to operate (PTO) and interconnected the customer's facility the Department of Industrial Relations determines that in connection with the construction of the customer's facility the contractor willfully failed to pay its workers a prevailing wage, PG&E will:
  - i. Discontinue serving that facility on a Net Energy Metering or Net Billing Tariff;
  - ii. Transfer the customer's generating facility identified in the willful wage violation to a new tariff, which will compensate the customer for exports from the facility under that tariff. The generating facility shall be subject to Departing Load and Standby tariffs.
  - iii. PG&E shall provide notification to the Customer in accordance with the following:
    - a. 30 calendar days prior to removing the customer account from service on the Net Energy Metering or Net Billing Tariff if the facility is metered by a single meter;

<sup>1</sup> These requirements do not apply to certain public works projects, residential customers with systems sized 15 kilowatts or less, residential seeking customers to interconnect such facilities that the customer has installed on a single-family home, a Modular Home (for definitions please refer to the applicable Net Energy Metering and Net Billing Tariffs), a Modular Home Community, or multiunit housing that has two or fewer stories.

**Please complete this agreement in its entirety.**

† Information collected on this form is used in accordance with PG&E's Privacy Policy.

The Privacy Policy is available at [pge.com/privacy](http://pge.com/privacy).

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# AB 2143 Prevailing Wage Disclosure Form Example Form: PG&E (pg. 2 of 2)



- b. 60 calendar days prior to removing the customer account from service on the Net Energy Metering or Net Billing Tariff if the facility is metered by multiple meters (i.e., Virtual or Aggregation customers).
- iv. Perform an account true-up after the time periods referenced in 2.a.iii have expired.

**b. Removal of Penalties:** If the Department of Industrial Relations or California courts have conclusively reversed the willful wage violation against the customer's contractor, PG&E, shall restore the facility's service on the applicable Net Energy Metering or Net Billing Tariff the first billing cycle after PG&E learns of the reversal. The legacy period will be based on the original permission to operate per the applicable NEM or NBT Schedule.

**By signing this disclosure, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements, and risk of being subject to the penalties, set forth herein.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Customer Name as it appears on the PG&E Bill)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Customer Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name and title of signee, applicable if customer is a Company)  
(e.g. John Doe, Manager)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## 2a. Register as an Awarding Body with DIR

### ✓ Register as an Awarding Body with the DIR

- Under AB 1104, the Awarding Body requirements for DIR can be completed by Prime Contractor
- Create an Account for an Awarding Body ([Link](#))
  - Use a different email address from the email you used for the Public Works Contractor registration
  - Emails need to be verified by DIR if they do not end in .gov or .org. Contractors will need to send an email to [publicworks@dir.ca.gov](mailto:publicworks@dir.ca.gov) to verify emails. Include "AB 2143" in the subject line.
- There is **NO FEE** to register as an Awarding Body.
- This is a **ONE TIME** registration.



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## 2b. Register Projects with DIR

### ✓ Register Projects

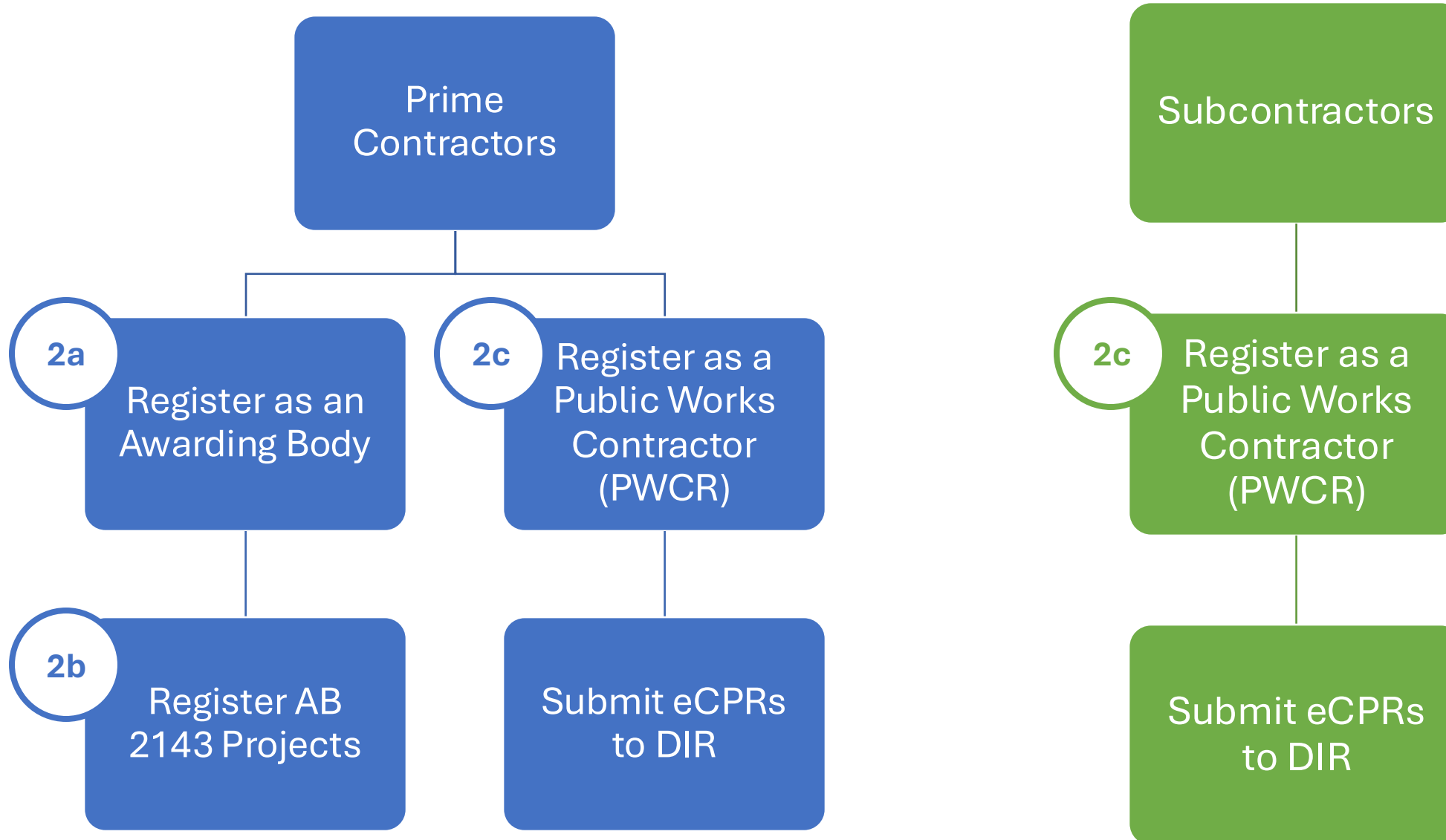
- Also referred to as the PWC or PWC-100
- It is the responsibility of the Awarding Body to register projects with the DIR ([Link](#))
- The Awarding Body can only register projects **after** completing the Awarding Body registration.
  - If you only registered as a Public Works Contractor (PWCR) you cannot register projects.
- Save the DIR Project Registration Number to complete the SURGE Project Registration

## 2c. Register as a Public Works Contractor (PWCR) with the DIR

### ✓ Register as Public Works Contractor (PWCR)

- Prime Contractors and Subcontractors have to register as a Public Works Contractor with the DIR ([Link](#))
- To register, there are certain eligibility requirements that need to be met.
- Public Works Contractors can register for one, two, or three fiscal years (July 1 – June 30) with the DIR.
- There is a \$400 fee per fiscal year to register.
- Registration must be renewed annually.
- There are consequences of failing to register which can be subject to a penalty.

# DIR Requirements for AB 2143 Contractors



## 3a. Register as an AB 2143 Contractor with SURGE

- Complete the SURGE Contractor Registration ([Link](#))
- Who Needs to Complete: **Prime Contractors and Subcontractors**
- How Often to Complete: **Once**
- Once approved, you will receive a Contractor Identification Number (CIN).
- Keep the CIN to register for projects (Primes) and submit copies of certified payrolls (Primes & Subs).

### Info Needed:

- ✓ Contractor Name
- ✓ First & Last Name
- ✓ Phone Number
- ✓ Email Address
- ✓ Address
- ✓ Contractors State License Board (CSLB) Number
- ✓ Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Public Works Contractor Registration (PWCR) Number

## 3b. Register AB 2143 Projects with SURGE

- Complete the SURGE Project Registration ([Link](#))
- Who Needs to Complete: **Only the Prime Contractor**
- How Often to Complete: **Each eligible project should be registered separately.**
- Once approved, you will receive a Project Identification Number (PIN).
- Prime Contractors must share the PIN with Subcontractors so they can submit copies of certified payrolls to SURGE.

### Info Needed:

- ✓ General Contractor Information
- ✓ Prime Contractor's Identification Number (CIN) (SURGE Provided)
- ✓ Prime Contractor's Name
- ✓ Subcontractor Information
- ✓ Project Information
  - ✓ Project Name
  - ✓ Estimated Project Start & End Date
  - ✓ Project Interconnection Application ID Number (Utility Provided)
  - ✓ DIR Project ID #
  - ✓ Electric Utility Name
  - ✓ Electrical Generation Facility (EGF) Information
- ✓ Project Location
- ✓ Project Owner Contact Information

## 4. Work on the Project

As the Prime Contractors and Subcontractors are working on the projects, then they must:

Pay Prevailing  
Wages

Follow the DIR's  
Apprenticeship  
Requirements

Maintain CPRs

Report CPRs to  
both DIR &  
SURGE

# 5. Report Certified Payroll Records (CPRs)

## What are Certified Payroll Records?

- CPRs are reports that Contractors must submit on certain public works projects to ensure they are paying workers correctly under prevailing wage laws.
- Per Labor Code §1776, CPRs must include:
  - Employee Name, Address, and SSN
  - Work Classification
  - Daily & Weekly Straight-Time and Overtime Hours
  - Hourly Rate and Actual Wages Paid
- “Certified” means that the payroll record is accompanied by a signed Statement of Compliance which is required by Labor Code §1776(b).
- For more information, you can reference the Public Works Manual Section 3.1.1. ([Link](#))

## Contractors are required to report CPRs to both DIR and SURGE.

- Per PUC §769.2, contractors are required to submit digital copies of its certified payroll records to the commission [via SURGE Compliance Portal] biannually on July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Per Labor Code Section 1771.4 (3) (A) (i) (ii), contractors must furnish the records specified in Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner [via DIR] at least monthly, or more frequently if specified in the contract with the awarding body.

# 5a. Report CPRs to DIR

- Prime Contractors and Subcontractors are required to submit CPRs to the Labor Commissioner using DIR's Public Works Website Services ([Link](#)).
- CPRs must be submitted at least monthly (within a month after the end of the payroll period).
- Submit electronic certified payroll records (eCPRs)
  - Please note that the requirement to submit eCPRs is separate and distinct from the obligation to maintain certified payroll reports under Labor Code Section 1776.

The screenshot displays the DIR website's 'Certified Payroll Reporting' page. The header includes the DIR logo, navigation links for various services like Labor Law, Safety & Health, and Workers' Comp, and a search bar. The main content area features a 'Submit Payroll Records' section with a prominent 'Enter Payroll Online' button. Below this, there is a section for finding payroll records online and a list of software requirements for XML files. The right sidebar contains a 'Public Works' menu with links to various resources, including 'Certified Payroll Reporting' which is highlighted.

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### Certified Payroll Reporting

Contractors and subcontractors on most public works projects are required to submit certified payroll records (CPRs) to the Labor Commissioner using DIR's Public Works Website Services.

[A few categories of public works projects are exempt](#) from reporting online to DIR.

Submit Payroll Records

Enter Payroll Online

Find Payroll Records Online

Payroll records are available to the public using the [CPR Public Search](#). Confidential information has been removed.

\* Software Requirements for XML Files:

- Create your own template using the [CPR XML schema V1.3](#).
  - Download and use the [XML schema file](#).
  - Detailed instructions are provided in the [CPR XML guidelines](#)
  - View a [sample XML file](#).

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For more information and to find exact legal definitions and language please see the [Public Works Chapter](#) of the [California Labor Code](#).

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Links

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# 5b. Report Copies of CPRs to SURGE

- Complete the SURGE Certified Payroll Submission Form ([Link](#)) and upload copies of CPRs.
- Who Needs to Complete: **Prime Contractors and Subcontractors**
- How Often to Complete: **Biannually (see below) for every AB 2143 project (from start to end)**
  - **Monthly submission is encouraged**
- Submissions are due biannually on July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. See reporting periods:
  - July 1<sup>st</sup>: Submit all copies of payroll records for 12/1/25 to 5/31/26
  - December 31<sup>st</sup>: Submit all copies of payroll records for 6/1/26 to 11/30/26

## Info Needed:

- ✓ Project Information
  - ✓ Project Name
  - ✓ Project Identification Number (PIN)
  - ✓ Project Interconnection Application Number
  - ✓ Electric Utility Name
- ✓ Contractor Information
  - ✓ Contractor/Subcontractor Company Name
  - ✓ Submitter's Contractor Identification Number (CIN)
  - ✓ Reporting Period
- ✓ Payroll Information
  - ✓ Copies of Certified Payrolls
  - ✓ Non-Performance Periods (if applicable)

# 5b. Reporting Copies of CPRs to SURGE (continued)

## ✓ CPR Submissions to SURGE must include:

- The same **project name** provided in the SURGE Project Registration form; avoid abbreviations or alternate names
- All required information required by Labor Code §1776 (name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time/overtime hours worked, hourly rate of pay, etc.)
- A *signed* Statement of Compliance

## ✓ Contractors may submit CPRs in the following formats as a PDF:

- Using the DIR A-1-131 payroll reporting form ([Link](#))
- Using an in-house payroll reporting form (must contains all required information)
- Using **unredacted** eCPRs that were submitted to DIR (all required information needs to be viewable)



# Using the **SURGE Compliance Portal**

# What is the SURGE Compliance Portal?

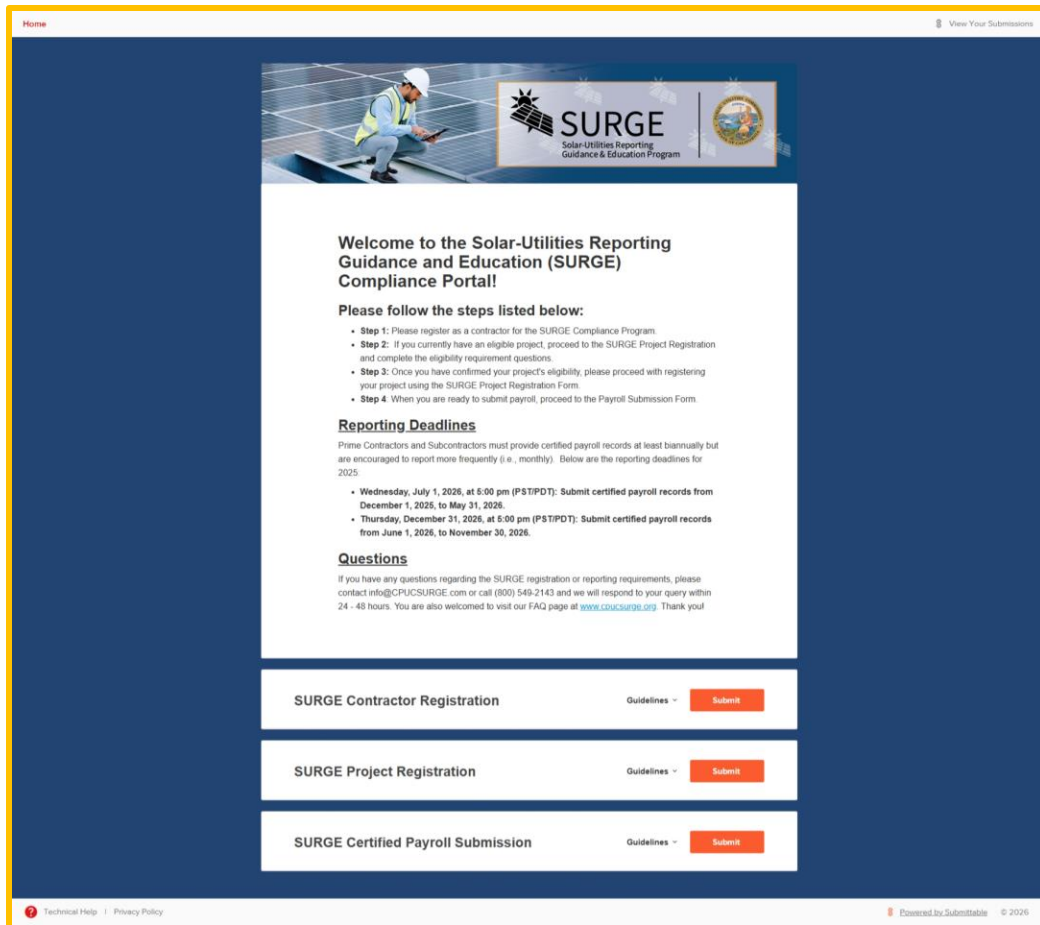


- The SURGE Compliance Portal (hosted on Submittable) is official system used by the CPUC’s SURGE initiative.
- It collects and stores AB 2143 certified payroll records from all qualified renewable energy projects.
- Here are the uses for the portal:

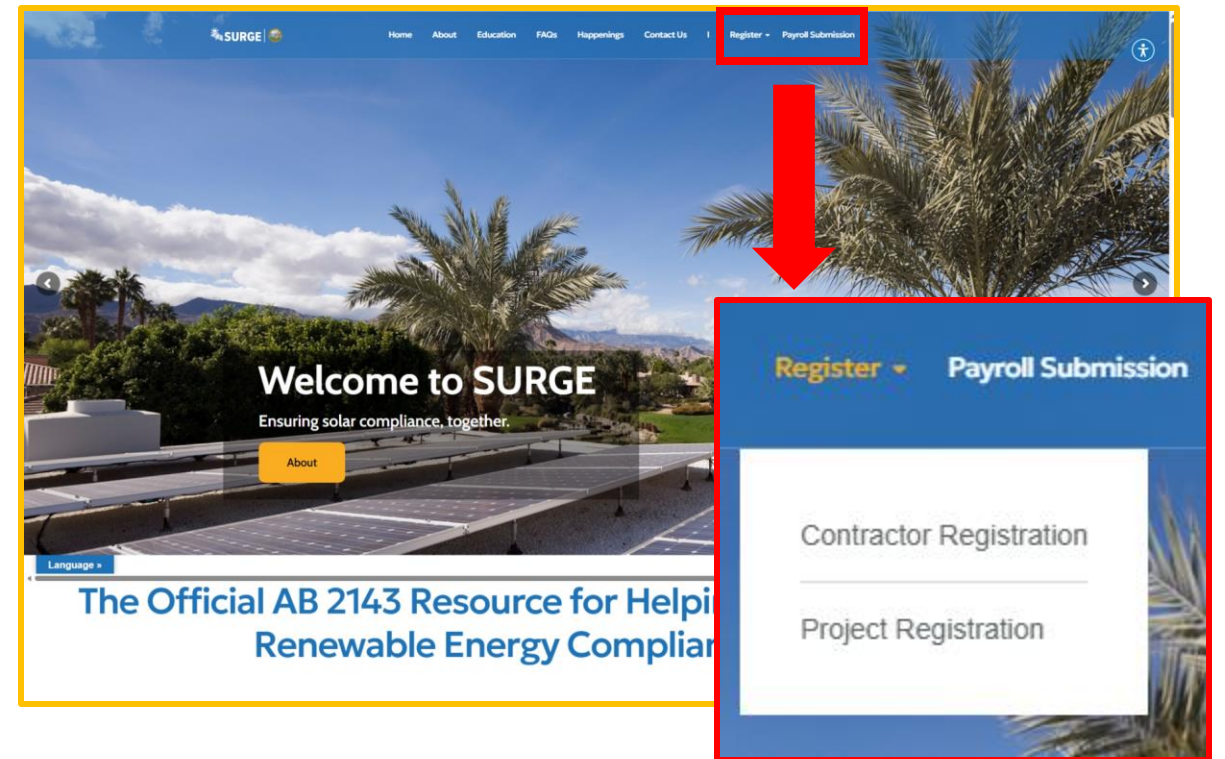
Portal Activity	Primes	Subs
<b>Create a Free Submittable Account</b> (One time)	Yes	Yes
<b>Register as an AB 2143 Contractor</b> (One time)	Yes	Yes
<b>Register AB 2143 Projects</b> (For each project)	Yes	No
<b>Submit copies of CPRs for AB 2143 Projects</b> (For each project; from project start to end date)	Yes	Yes

# Where Do I Access the Portal?

Direct Link: [cpucsurge.submittable.com/submit](https://cpucsurge.submittable.com/submit)



SURGE Website: [cpucsurge.org](https://cpucsurge.org) (Top right corner)



# How Do I Use the Portal?



## Who Needs to Use It?

- Both Prime Contractors and Subcontractors must use the SURGE Compliance Portal to submit required AB 2143 documentation and copies of project CPRs.
- **First-Time User?** Create a FREE Submittable account. *This setup is only required once.*
- **Have an Account Already?** Use login credentials to sign in to the SURGE Compliance Portal

## Helpful Tips

- ✓ Use an email that is checked frequently
- ✓ Maintain one login per organization
- ✓ Share login credentials with your team to:
  - Ensure continuous access
  - Prevent compliance issues if staff changes occur

# SURGE Compliance Portal (Contractor View)



## Welcome to the Solar-Utilities Reporting Guidance and Education (SURGE) Compliance Portal!

### Please follow the steps listed below:

- **Step 1:** Please register as a contractor for the SURGE Compliance Program.
- **Step 2:** If you currently have an eligible project, proceed to the SURGE Project Registration and complete the eligibility requirement questions.
- **Step 3:** Once you have confirmed your project's eligibility, please proceed with registering your project using the SURGE Project Registration Form.
- **Step 4:** When you are ready to submit payroll, proceed to the Payroll Submission Form.

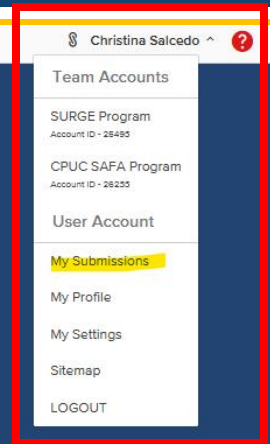
### Reporting Deadlines

Prime Contractors and Subcontractors must provide certified payroll records at least biannually but are encouraged to report more frequently (i.e., monthly). Below are the reporting deadlines for 2025:

- **Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 5:00 pm (PST/PDT):** Submit certified payroll records from December 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026.
- **Thursday, December 31, 2026, at 5:00 pm (PST/PDT):** Submit certified payroll records from June 1, 2026, to November 30, 2026.

### Questions

If you have any questions regarding the SURGE registration or reporting requirements, please contact [info@CPUCSURGE.com](mailto:info@CPUCSURGE.com) or call (800) 549-2143 and we will respond to your query within 24 - 48 hours. You are also welcomed to visit our FAQ page at [www.cpucsurge.org](http://www.cpucsurge.org). Thank you!



Click your name and under the menu go to **User Account > My Submissions** to view your form submissions.

STATUS	SUBMISSION	ORGANIZATION	OPPORTUNITY	DATE
<span>Edit</span>	<a href="#">Test Project 7.9.24</a>	SURGE Program	SURGE Project Registration	Jul 9, 2024
<span>Accepted</span>	<a href="#">Sun City Solar Power Project</a>	SURGE Program	SURGE Project Registration	Feb 20, 2024
<span>Completed</span>	<a href="#">Christina' Solar Power</a>	SURGE Program	SURGE Contractor Registration	Dec 14, 2023

3 results



# **SURGE Contractor Inquiries**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

# SURGE Contractor Inquiries: FAQs

## SURGE Contractor Registration

- **CSLB Number Not Applicable:** This number should be provided (do not use “N/A” or “CA”). If it is not applicable to your trade, please send an email to SURGE at [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org).
- **Flagged CSLB Number:** You will need to bring all flagged projects into compliance through SURGE reporting. Send an email to [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org) that includes: 1) Company Name 2) CSLB Number and 3) Name of the utility that flagged your CSLB Number.

## SURGE Project Registration

- **Interconnection Application ID Number:** Before registering with SURGE, Prime Contractors need to obtain Interconnection Application ID from IOU.
- **Project Start Date:** SURGE uses the Project Start Date as the basis of when we would expect CPRs to be submitted. If the Project Start Date changes, then you need to send an email to SURGE at [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org) to open form for editing to update the Project Start Date and notify us before you are marked as not compliant for not submitting CPRs after the Project Start Date.

# SURGE Contractor Inquiries: FAQs

## SURGE Certified Payroll Submission Form

- **Completing Contractor and Project Registration Before Submitting CPRs:** Contractors must have completed the Contractor Registration (All Contractors - Primes and Subs) and Project Registration (Primes Only) to submit Certified Payroll Submission to SURGE.

## SURGE Form Corrections & Duplicates

- **Correcting Forms:** If you have changes to any form, do **NOT** submit duplicate entries. This causes delays to SURGE's review process and can potentially result in interconnection holds. Please send an email to [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org) to reopen submissions for edits.

# SURGE Contractor Inquiries: FAQs

## Project Exemptions

- **Requesting Project Exemptions:** Contractors must send an email to [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org) requesting a possible project exemption. If they have a project with an interconnection application submittal date after January 1, 2024, where work was completed/contract executed 2023 or prior. Contractors must provide verifiable evidence. The SURGE Team will review the request and determine if exemption is accepted or denied.
- **Verifiable Evidence:** Examples of verifiable evidence may include:
  - Final approved inspection record/building permit (or equivalent)
  - Affidavit attesting contract execution and project start date in 2023, accompanied by:
    - A copy of the executed contract (personal information may be redacted)
    - Any other documentation identifying the project details and start date

# SURGE Contractor Inquiries: FAQs

## Certified Payroll Records

- **Reporting Non-Performing Week:** Refers to a week where no work was performed on a project. Please upload a Statement of Non-Performance form ([Link](#)). Contractors can also use the DIR A-1-131 form and write "No Work Performed" on it.

**STATEMENT OF NON-PERFORMANCE**

Payroll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby state that  
(Name of signatory party) (Title)

NO PERSONS employed by \_\_\_\_\_ performed work on  
(Name of submitting company)

the construction project known as \_\_\_\_\_

for the payroll period commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(1<sup>st</sup> date of week) (month)

and ending on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(last date of week) (month)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*THIS STATEMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED UNTIL AFTER  
SUBMISSION OF THE INITIAL PAYROLL REPORT

# Important Reminder: July 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline

- The July 1st biannual deadline is coming up soon!
- Prime Contractors and Subcontractors with AB 2143 projects are required to submit copies of CPRs to the SURGE Compliance Portal.
- Deadline: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 5:00 PM (PST/PDT)
- Reporting Period for CPRs: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- Failure to meet this deadline may result in interconnection application processing delays.



**Days left until the  
next deadline from  
today's webinar**

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