



AB 2143 Update Awarding Body Responsibilities (AB 1104)



What's Changed?

Effective January 1, 2026, changes under Assembly Bill (AB) 1104 amend Public Utilities Code (PUC) 769.2 and impact AB 2143 projects.

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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.

What does this mean for AB 2143 Project Registration?

Prior to AB 1104, contractors often had difficulty obtaining required Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) information from project owners for AB 2143 projects. As a result, registering these projects on the SURGE Compliance Portal was challenging due to the lack of a DIR Project ID number.

With AB 1104 now in effect, contractors can follow the instructions below to register themselves as an Awarding Body and register their projects on the DIR website, obtain a DIR Project ID number, and successfully complete their AB 2143 project registration on the SURGE Compliance Portal.

UNDER AB 1104, CONTRACTORS CAN NOW DO THE FOLLOWING:

Register as an Awarding Body with DIR

- In addition to registering as a Public Works Contractor, Prime Contractors will now need to register as an Awarding Body with the DIR using a **separate email address** than the email used for the contractor registration.
- Follow DIR’s guide to start the Awarding Body registration process:
 - [How to Create an Account for an Awarding Body](#)
- Include AB 1104 in the name. Please see the following 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 should contact the DIR by emailing publicworks@dir.ca.gov asking for a manual verification.

Register Projects with DIR

- Follow DIR’s guide to register Projects:
 - [How to Register 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 stated to include “AB 2143” in the name field (e.g. Jim’s Solar Project – AB 2143) when completing the project registration.
- For any questions, please reach out to the DIR via email at publicworks@dir.ca.gov or call the Labor Commissioner’s Office at 833-LCO-INFO (833-526-4636).