

# SURGE AB 2143 Informational Webinar Q&A Document

The following document contains questions asked during the SURGE Webinar on 10/28/25.

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## SURGE Reminders:

**DECEMBER 31st DEADLINE ALERT:** Contractors with a project that began after December 31, 2023, are subject to prevailing wage requirements and must upload copies of Certified Payroll Reports no later than December 31, 2025. Failure to meet this deadline may result in interconnection application processing delays. Please submit copies of your certified payroll records for the period of June 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025.

Click here to register/submit copies of certified payroll reports: [SURGE Compliance Portal](#)

## **Have Questions?**

Contact us at 1-800-549-2143 or email us at [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org).

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.cpucsurge.org](http://www.cpucsurge.org).

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## October 28th Webinar

### Applicability

**Q: For the exception for existing public works, does this apply to federal public works projects (e.g. Davis Bacon) or just state public works projects?**

**A:** Yes, the exception for existing public works applies both to state and federally funded projects.

### Apprenticeship

**Q: What is the percentage apprentice requirement? 15% or 20% of total labor hours? Also, what is a remedy for any mistakes in the apprentice requirements?**

**A:** SURGE is unable to provide a response to this question. Please refer to the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) resources for this question. For a comprehensive list of apprenticeship requirements on public works projects please visit the links below:

- DIR's Public Works Apprenticeship Page: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/das/publicworks.html>
- DIR's Apprenticeship FAQ Page: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DAS/PublicWorksFAQ.html>
- Labor Code Section 1777.5: [Law section \(ca.gov\)](http://www.dir.ca.gov/law/section1777.5.html)

**Q: Can you use a laborer apprentice as an apprentice on the project? Or should it be an electrician journeyman?**

**A:** SURGE is unable to provide a response to this question because we do not represent the applicable regulatory agency. SURGE is responsible for the collection of copies of certified payroll records as it pertains to AB 2143. Please refer to the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) resources for this question. Please see links in the question above.

### Awarding Body

**Q: With the passing of AB 1104 what changes will happen with regard to the Awarding Body requirements? Will the Solar Contractor be asked/allowed to perform the Awarding Body registrations?**

**A:** SURGE is working with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to get further clarification of the passing of AB 1104 and how it affects the Awarding Body requirements. Once we have these updates, we will publish and send notifications to our outreach lists, including participants in this meeting.

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## Certified Payroll Records

**Q: If you have already submitted the eCPRs will these need to be amended to match the work classification codes needed for SURGE reporting compliance?**

**A:** The classifications you have on your eCPRs should be the exact same on the certified payroll records that you submit to SURGE. The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) sets the standard of how certified payroll records are submitted.

## Exemptions

**Q: What exactly is needed for tribal projects to show exemption - when should this be submitted?**

**A:** When completing a utility's interconnection application and prevailing wage disclosure form, the form will typically indicate whether your project is subject to AB 2143. If the disclosure form indicates AB 2143 applies, but your project is located on tribal land, you must provide verifiable evidence to the SURGE team at [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org) to avoid any delays or a project hold. Acceptable verifiable evidence can include any official document confirming the project's location on tribal land which will be reviewed, documented, and approved by SURGE.

**Q: Just to clarify - if a project is exempt do we need to notify SURGE? When one of the 4 questions is YES. I understand if it is exempt in the utility portal you don't need notification, correct?**

**A:** If you believe your project qualifies for an AB 2143 exemption, you must submit verifiable evidence to the SURGE team at [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org).

If the prevailing wage disclosure form is not required or signed as part of your interconnection application with the IOU, then your project is not subject to AB 2143 and no notification or request for exemption to SURGE is necessary.

**Q: Is the 15 kW residential exemption based on individual unit interconnect agreement, building or project kW on a multifamily residential project?**

**A:** We would have to look at your interconnection application to answer your question. It depends on how the project is categorized on your interconnection application. Please reach out to SURGE team at [info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org).

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### Interconnection

**Q: When registering a project in submittal, what "status" does the interconnection application need to be in with the utility? I have had trouble registering in submittable because the interconnection application has slipped into a status that makes it unsearchable by the SURGE team.**

**A:** The only status that the SURGE team cannot see on the IOU's portals is when the interconnection is in draft.

### Prevailing Wage

**Q: Are the DAS 140/142 forms required for AB 2143 projects?**

**A:** Yes, all public works requirements from the Labor Codes Section 1720-1815 do apply. Apprenticeship requirements also apply on public works projects over \$30,000; if it is under \$30,000, then apprenticeship requirements do not apply.

**Q: What are the most common crafts used for a commercial solar installation?**

**A:** This really depends on the location and type of work that is being done on site. We recommend that solar contractors review the scope of works that are posted with the wage determinations from the DIR. If you are unsure about the types of work classifications, then you may need to reach out to DIR for further guidance. Please send an email to the DIR Prevailing Wage Unit here: [statistics@dir.ca.gov](mailto:statistics@dir.ca.gov).

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