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CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE TASK FORCE TO VISIT DICKINSON

BISMARCK, N.D. – A multi-agency state Contractor Compliance Task Force will be in Dickinson tomorrow, announced Attorney General Stenehjem.

The compliance task force, comprised of representatives from the Office of Attorney General, Office of State Tax Commissioner, the Secretary of State's office, Job Service North Dakota and Workforce Safety and Insurance (WSI), will conduct random compliance checks at various construction sites in the area.

"There is plenty of work to go around but it should be a level playing field. The compliance checks provide assurance to contractors that everyone has to follow the same rules so that businesses and homeowners have peace of mind in knowing the contractor is properly licensed and bonded," said Attorney General Stenehjem. "Most contractors do their best to comply with all state and local regulations so the compliance check should only take a few minutes at each location," he continued.

The task force will be making sure that contractors have the proper licensing, workers' compensation insurance coverage and are complying with state tax and other regulations. The team will also verify that out-of-state individuals, businesses and contractors are properly registered with the Secretary of State's office and have obtained transient merchant licenses from the Attorney General's office.

"There are a number of new contractors, including many from surrounding states, doing business in North Dakota in light of the great work opportunities for them here," said Tax Commissioner Cory Fong. "We want to make sure they are aware of North Dakota's laws and their responsibility for paying the appropriate taxes.

The compliance team will coordinate with city agencies and local law enforcement.

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