

PROPOSED WORKPLAN

Target Dates

Draft recommendations: November 30, 2007

Draft report: December 15, 2007

Final report to the Legislature: January 1, 2008

Background

In 2007 the Legislature enacted SB 5926, which established the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Underground Economy in the Construction Industry. The purpose of the Task Force is to formulate a state policy to establish cohesion and transparency between state agencies to increase the oversight and regulation of the underground economy practices in the construction industry in the state. As part of that effort, the task force is to determine the extent of and projected costs to the state and workers of the underground economy. The Task Force may contract with the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to assist with its work.

The Task Force membership consists of:

- The chair and ranking minority member of the Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Committee;
- The chair and ranking minority member of the House Commerce & Labor Committee;
- Four construction labor representatives, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- Four construction business representatives, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In addition, the Employment Security Department, the Department of Labor & Industries and the Department of Revenue will each maintain a non-voting liaison representative. Each of these agencies must cooperate with and provide information to the Task Force.

The Task Force must report to the Legislature by January 1, 2008.