

## The following message is from the Electrical program at the **Washington Department of Labor and Industries:**

The purpose of this email is to invite you to a meeting that the Department of Labor and Industries intends to host relating to the licensing, certification, and testing requirements of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) contractors and installers on February 3rd at the Comfort Inn in Tumwater. If you have an interest in this, please join us at the meeting and read the additional information provided below.

**Sincerely,**  
**Patrick Woods, Assistant Director**  
**Washington State Department of Labor and Industries**

### **Background and Goal of this Effort:**

In response to a recent legislative study, (<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/reports/05-12.pdf>) and in order to adequately address the proposed licensure scenarios in the study, as well as other plausible licensure scenarios that could impact various trades or components of existing licensed crafts, Labor & Industries is conducting an extensive stakeholder-driven process to develop comprehensive solutions that will have the support of all parties. This process will take place between January 2006 and August 2006, with the goal for submitting our recommendations to the Legislature during the 2007 session. This review process will be similar to the one used by the department in developing a solution to the regulation of telecommunications installations, which resulted in a comprehensive solution that was supported by the major industry stakeholders.

### **The Plan & Participants:**

Labor & Industries will convene this initial task force which we hope will be comprised of groups and individuals affected by the licensure scenarios, including representatives from labor and business, as well as representatives from electrical, HVAC/R, plumbing, sheet metal and others. Those in attendance, at the initial meeting, will choose individuals who represent their interests to serve directly on the task force. All other interested parties will be invited to attend the meetings. ***See attached draft agenda.***

# Tentative Schedule

*(Dates and times for the meetings after February 3rd will be confirmed at the meeting.):*

## **February 3, 2006**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Comfort Inn - Tumwater**

Explain the task force issues, mandates, and process, choose industry representatives.

## **February 17, 2006**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**L&I - Tukwila Service Location**

Specific discussion of issues. Break into sub-committees if necessary.

## **March 17, 2003**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**L&I - Spokane Service Location**

Begin drafting any necessary legislative changes.

## **April 12, 2006**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**L&I - Yakima Service Location**

Discussion of drafted changes and finalization of draft.

## **May 15, 2006**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Clark County (Exact Location TBD)**

Review final drafts and make recommendations.

## **June 12, 2006**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**L&I Main Office - Tumwater**

Further review if necessary.

Internal L&I processing for possible agency requested legislation.

## **July 19, 2006**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**L&I - Tukwila Service Location**

Internal L&I processing for possible agency requested legislation.