

Farm labor contractors meeting Friday in Fresno

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The California Labor Commissioner's Office and the U.S. Department of Labor are co-hosting an informational meeting for farm labor contractors (FLCs) in the Central Valley. Members of the public are invited to meet with state and federal experts to discuss the requirements for obtaining FLC licenses.

The meeting will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the California Labor Commissioner's office in Fresno. The office is located at 770 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 222.

"Farmworkers are the backbone of California's agricultural economy, and farm labor contractors must be licensed in order to ensure that they know and agree to comply with applicable workplace safety and labor laws that protect our state's workers," said Christine Baker, director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).

The Labor Commissioner's Office, officially known as the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE), is a division of DIR.

Friday's session in Fresno will give FLCs and the public a chance to ask questions about the application process.

The Labor Commissioner's office in Fresno offers free FLC workshops every Friday.

"Our goal with this and all of our workshops is to help contractors navigate the FLC licensing process so employers who play by the rules can do so as easily as possible," said Labor Commissioner Julie A. Su. "Growers who contract with unregistered FLCs are automatically liable for any wage theft and related violations committed by the FLC."

California's Labor Code defines FLCs as individuals or organizations who, for a fee, hire, recruit or provide board and/or lodging or transportation to people who perform work on farms.

The Labor Code requires FLCs to be licensed by the Labor Commissioner's office.

Information about the FLC licensing process is available in English and Spanish on the DIR website.

The Labor Commissioner's office in Fresno has a kiosk that contractors can reserve to upload the necessary documentation for the licensing application. FLCs who applied via mail in the past can access their full applications online to easily and more quickly renew.

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