CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TAX FRAUD

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WHAT IS

"CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TAX FRAUD"?



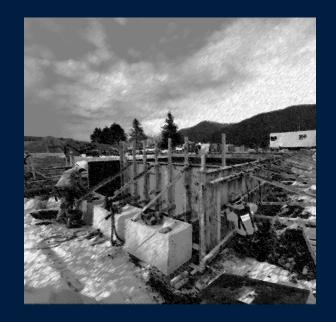
- WAGE THEFT
- WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION
- MISCLASSIFYING AS
 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS
- CASH PAYMENTS
- USE OF LABOR BROKERS
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- NON-PAYMENT OF OVERTIME
- TAX FRAUD
- INSURANCE FRAUD
- OTHER CRIMES



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WHO IS IMPACTED BY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TAX FRAUD?

- ALASKA/AMERICAN WORKERS
 AND THEIR FAMILIES
- TAX-PAYERS
- HONEST CONTRACTORS
- LOCAL BUSINESS
- WORKERS COMP PREMIUMS
- UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
- SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICAID
- STATE & FEDERAL BUDGETS





FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TAX FRAUD

- ESTIMATED \$16,729 LOST WAGES PER WORKER
- ESTIMATED 8.2 BILLION ANNUAL LOSS IN TAX REVENUE
- ESTIMATED 1.74 BILLION LOSS TO WORKER'S COMP
- ESTIMATED 700 MILLION LOSS TO STATE U.I.
- ESTIMATED 800 MILLION LOSS OF OVERTIME WAGES
- ESTIMATED 2.98 BILLION TO FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX



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HOW TO COMBAT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TAX FRAUD

- DRAFT AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION
 - GENERAL CONTRACTOR LIABILITY LAWS
 - INDUSTRY PARTNER PROGRAMS
- INDUSTRY PARTNER VOLUNTEERING
- STRENGTHEN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TESTING
- INCREASED DOLWD FUNDING
- SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT
- INCREASED FINES AND PENALTIES FOR CHEATS
- SUPPORT HONEST CONTRACTORS
- PUBLIC AWARENESS





QUESTIONS?

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