

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Labor and Industry

In the Matter of A Hutchins Masonry LLC

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO MINN.
STAT. § 326B.701**

I. ORDER

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (“Commissioner”) issues this Order against A Hutchins Masonry LLC (“Respondent”).

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.701, subs.2 and 5; § 326B.082, subd. 7, and Minn. Stat. § 326B.083 (2016), the Commissioner hereby assesses against Respondent a monetary penalty of \$7,000, \$2,000 of which shall be forgiven if Respondent demonstrates to the Commissioner by the 31st day after this Administrative Order is issued that Respondent has successfully registered in the Construction Contractor Registration Program (“Registration Program”) and has responded fully to the Administrative Subpoena Duces Tecum dated May 18, 2016.

The Commissioner also hereby orders Respondent to cease and desist from violating the laws cited in the “Conclusions of Law” section of this Administrative Order. Specifically, the Commissioner orders Respondent to cease and desist from performing building construction work for which a registration is required under the Minnesota Statutes until compliance with the registration requirements of Minn. Stat. § 326B.701, subd. 2a (2016) is achieved.

The Commissioner takes the above action based upon the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is engaged in the business of providing building construction or improvement services and has a business address of: 1584 Ballantyne Lane, Spring Lake Park 55432.
2. Respondent A Hutchins Masonry LLC is not registered with the Registration Program.
3. On May 3, 2016, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (“Department”) opened an investigation of Respondent based on information that indicated that Respondent may have engaged in violations of the Minnesota statutes governing the classification of workers in the construction industry.
4. On May 18, 2016 a Department investigator sent Respondent a subpoena duces tecum requiring the production of records and other information relating to Respondents

contractors, subcontractors and employees. The subpoena required a response within 20 days.

5. Respondent A Hutchins Masonry LLC has not responded to the subpoena duces tecum as of the date of this Order.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent has failed to register with the Department of Labor and Industry's Construction Contractor Registration Program prior to providing building construction or improvement services in violation of Minn. Stat. § 181.723, subd. 4a (b) (2016).
2. Respondent has failed to respond to the subpoena duces tecum as required by Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subs. 2(a)(4); 5(a) and 11(b)(6) (2016).

IV. DETERMINATION OF PENALTY AMOUNT

In determining the amount of the penalty, the Commissioner considered: the extent of deviation from compliance; whether the violations were willful; the gravity of the violations; the number of violations; whether there is a history of past violations; whether Respondents gained economic benefit in not complying with the law; and other factors as justice may require.

V. REQUEST FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2016), Respondent shall have 30 days after issuance of this Administrative Order to request a hearing. A request for hearing must be in writing and must be served on or faxed to the Commissioner at the following address or fax number by the deadline.

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
CCLD – Enforcement Services Unit
Attention: Charlie Durenberger
443 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155
Fax number: (651) 284-5746

The date on which a request for hearing is served by mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the request for hearing is mailed. The request for hearing must specifically state the reasons for seeking review of the order or notice. If the request for hearing is served by fax it cannot exceed 15 pages in length and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. central time on the last day permitted for serving a request. Respondents review rights are more thoroughly described in Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subs. 4 and 8 (2016).

If the Respondent submits to the Commissioner a timely request for hearing, the Administrative Order shall be stayed unless otherwise ordered by a judge, and a contested case

hearing will be conducted. The contested case procedures are set out in chapter 14 of Minnesota Statutes, the Rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minn. Rules 1400.5010 to 1400.8400 (2015), and Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2016). These materials may be purchased from the Minnesota Book Store, telephone (651) 297-3000, and are also available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

VI. EFFECT OF FINAL ORDER


If Respondent does not request a hearing or Respondents request for a hearing is not served on or faxed to the Commissioner by the deadline specified in the "Request for Hearing" section of this Administrative Order, this Administrative Order shall become a final order of the Commissioner and will not be subject to review by any court or agency. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2016).

The monetary penalty assessed upon Respondent by this Administrative Order, other than the forgivable portion, is due and payable on the date the Administrative Order becomes final. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.083, subd. 3(a) (2016). If the Commissioner determines that Respondents are not employees of another contractors and failed to successfully register in the Registration Program within 31 days of the issuance of this Order, then the forgivable portion of the penalty is due and payable 20 days after the Commissioner serves notice of this determination or on the date this Administrative Order becomes final, whichever is later. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.083, subd. 3 (2016).

When this Administrative Order becomes final, the Commissioner may file and enforce any unpaid penalty as a judgment in district court without further notice or additional proceedings. *See* Minn. Stat. §§ 16D.17 and 326B.083, subd. 2 (2016). Failure to pay a monetary penalty owed may result in the revocation, suspension, or denial of any or all licenses, permits, certificates, and registrations issued by the Commissioner. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 17 (2016). Also, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2016), Respondents are hereby notified that thirty (30) days after the date this Administrative Order becomes final, simple interest computed in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16D.13, subd. 2 (2016) will begin to accrue on the unpaid portion of the penalty.

Dated: 2/16/17

KEN B. PETERSON
Commissioner

BY: 
CHARLIE DURENBERGER
Director of Licensing and Enforcement
Construction Codes and Licensing Division
Department of Labor and Industry