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Go-Biz Recognizes the California Department of Industrial Relations

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The California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) is recognized for expediting their farm labor contractor (FLC) licensing processes through their **new on-line system** that was launched in February 2014.

The DLSE licenses garment contractors, carwashes and farm labor contractors, as well as talent agencies, studio teachers, and minors in entertainment. In 2010, it took an average of 60 days for DLSE staff to review and process registration and licensing applications for garment contractors, carwashes and farm labor contractors. Online functions for applications and fees were non-existent.

"Since I became Labor Commissioner, I have heard complaints from farm labor contractors about the process for obtaining a license," said Labor Commissioner Julie A. Su. "The improvements we have made to upgrade our services, work smarter, provide timely, reliable responses, and enhance on-line options show that we are listening. We want to make it easy for employers who play by the rules to do so and we want them to know the State is on their side."

The Labor Commissioner made a concerted effort to streamline the application process, prevent duplication of effort by the regulated community and the DLSE, and successfully reduced the time for reviewing licenses and granting applications to an average of 30 days by 2012 and to 20 days in 2013. Now FLCs who are applying for licenses or seek to renew can go on-line, fill out an application, upload the required documents, and click "submit." The FLC online licensing system also allows users to pay fees, save and go back to previously entered information and submit their completed application entirely online. In addition, California growers can also electronically confirm whether farm labor contractors are registered as required before entering into a contract.

DLSE's new online system has reduced the time it takes for businesses seeking to apply or renew their applications. GO-Biz applauds DLSE staff for effectively streamlining and modernizing the FLC application process and congratulates them on becoming a Streamlining Superstar!

For more information, see this link: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2014/2014-17.pdf>

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GO-Biz Recognizes the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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GO-Biz recognizes the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board as a Streamlining Superstar for their efforts to work collaboratively with the dairy community and other stakeholders.

Regional board staff worked diligently to understand the business of dairying and the operational constraints dairy farmers must deal with.

And that meant getting boots-on-the-ground to do it.

Water board staff visited dairies to observe dairy operations and interviewed producers to ensure that the program they developed would fit the unique North Coast pasture-based dairy profile. Of the 126 dairy farms in the North Coast area, staff conducted on-site physical assessments for 80, and provided advice and clarity to the farmers along the way. Additionally, staff made significant efforts to be available throughout the process. They also supported and participated in farmer training workshops presented by the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program.

Local chairman of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau's Animal Resource Management Committee, Donald DeBernardi, stated "For nearly 25 years dairy producers in the North Coast Region have fostered a strong partnership with the regional water board. Through the years, the agency has worked to understand how we operate our farms and in return, dairy producers have been proactive in the protection of water quality. Through this partnership we have been able to work together to implement a results-based regulatory program that rewards dairies for their efforts to maintain high water quality and nutrient management standards. I couldn't imagine doing it any other way and look forward to the continued successes of our partnership with the Regional Board."

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board developed a sound, efficient, and cooperative working relationship with the dairy farms they regulate and with other interested parties. All of which benefits the quality and protection of our shared water resource. Their proactive and collaborative approach makes them a Streamlining Superstar!

For more information on the North Coast Water Quality Program for Dairies, visit this link.