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Please identify each of the documents that is subject to this request. You must identify these documents with sufficient specificity so that we may ascertain whether we have these documents and how to locate them. You may also state your reason for request.

I am requesting 11 documents listed in an October 21
letter to Bob Resiliti, Director of Labor Law Compliance.

Please check all that apply:

- I am requesting a copy of the documents identified above.
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- I am requesting certified copies of the documents identified above.
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Please mail or deliver your request to:
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ATTENTION: Right to Know Law Request
And Testimony for October 25 Sports and Exhibition Authority Meeting

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October ~~10~~, 2007

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October 15, 2007

Director Resiliti,

This is an official request for information. Enclose here are the official state DOL Right to Know Law form, a related information request previously sent to the US DOL, a previous correspondence between myself and the Director of the Builders Guild, a previous correspondence from Tim Stevens of the Black Political Empowerment Project and John Chalovich of the IBEW/Chairperson of Pittsburgh's Sports and Exhibition Authority, an August 23 information request from B-PEP to Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato.

We are having great difficulty attaining the information requested herein. All of your efforts to help clarify the availability of information and the appropriate sources will be sincerely appreciated.

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The Regulations Governing Apprenticeship and Training Programs, and specifically 81.26 Availability of Information, has come to our attention and maybe the source of our difficulty

attaining information. Please be informed that the Black Political Empowerment Project would like to initiate any application process related to becoming a "program sponsor" as defined in the law.

§ 81.26. Availability of information.

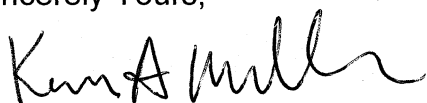
The United States Department of Labor will make available to program sponsors data and information on minority and female - minority and nonminority - population and labor force characteristics for each Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, and for other special areas as appropriate.

B-PEP has demonstrated an ongoing and persistent approach to achieving equity for minorities in the construction trades. B-PEP is all about moving from "Complaint to Possibility." It not possible to proceed with our advocacy for African Americans in the construction industry without access to all governmental statistics and an understanding of current and previous efforts to monitor minority participation.

I therefore also request:

- A list of all organizations that are currently defined by 81.26 as "program sponsors."
- A description of the application process used to become a "program sponsor."
- A list of organizations that have previously made application.
- A description of the type and frequency of data made available to "program sponsors" as defined by 81.26.
- A copy of all agreements related to the collection of information and exchange of information covered in 81.26 between the PA and US Departments of Labor and subsequent reporting.
- A copy of all agreements related to Building Trades/PA DOL/US DOL Pittsburgh Public Schools related grants or agreements.

Sincerely Yours,



Kenneth Miller

Cc: Tim Stevens/Coordinating Council of the Black Political Empowerment Project
US DOL Tom Midlin and Craig Dotson

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PA Director of Labor
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ATTENTION: FOIA REQUEST

October 10, 2007

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October 11, 2007

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October 11, 2007

Kenneth Miller
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In re: FOIA request

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am in receipt of your FOIA request (copy attached). Please be advised that the Wage & Hour Division is not involved with, and does not compile data regarding, minority participation in the Western PA construction industry. The information you seek regarding the Building Trades and apprenticeship programs may better be directed to the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT). Their local address is: Room 1403 Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. I hope this information is useful to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John DuMont". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John DuMont
District Director

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October 9, 2007

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From: "JasonFincke" <jfincke@buildersguild.org>

To: nosweatshopsbucco@yahoo.com

Subject: Request for Information

Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 15:06:14 -0400

Dear Mr. Miller:

I received your fax transmission and request for information. With all due respect, I don't have the statistics you are looking for, nor have I ever seen a copy of the consent decree you referred to in your letter. As I mentioned to you, I have been with the Builders Guild since August 1, 2006 and my focus has largely been on getting more men and women, including minorities, into the building trades.

Regardless of the percentages and numbers, we need more people, both for the amount of construction work on the horizon and to replace workers who are about to retire. As you may know, we have been working with various city and county agencies to offer community workshops on the qualifications and opportunities in the building trades. I personally participated in 12 workshops, including two in the Hill District, as well as in Manchester, Penn Hills, Wilksburg, Rankin, McKees Rocks, Natrona Heights, West End, and Allentown, among others.

We have produced and distributed new publications which have been sent to all area schools and advertised in various publications, again to reach out to the community and educate men and women on the opportunities that are available. We have also promoted two local pre-apprenticeship programs operated by the Minority and Women Education Labor Agency and Renaissance III 2000 led by Edward Meeks.

Rather than focus on how many minorities are in each trade, we believe it is more beneficial to put our energy and focus on how to get more in. Issues such as car ownership, possessing a valid PA driver's license, being drug free, and having a high school diploma or GED are among the issues that need to be understood and promoted. Equally, if not more important, is trying to find responsible men and women who have the desire to pursue such a career and discipline to apply themselves to it.

Working in construction is not easy. The weather can be a problem. Transportation can be a problem. One's own mental and physical health can be a problem. These are issues that need to be understood, and that is where we are placing our focus.

You should be able to obtain specific numbers on minorities in the trades from the Department of Labor. As I mentioned to you at Tuesday's summit, however, I am concerned as to how you would obtain such information from non-union contractors who perform a significant portion of commercial construction work and virtually all residential construction in the Pittsburgh area. To single out union membership and potentially hold them to an unreasonable standard could be of great disservice to them and to the community.

Finally, as executive director of the Builders Guild, I also represent various contractor associations and I assure you that union contractors are just as concerned about increasing the number of skilled workers of all races and genders in the industry. I don't know if individual contractors were invited to the summit, but that may have been the reason for their absence. In any event, I have also discussed and provided information about the summit to my Board of Directors for their understanding of the issues at hand.

Thank you for your understanding and interest in helping us recruit qualified men and women into the union building trades.

Sincerely,

Jason Fincke

P.S. I do not have Clarence Curry's email address, but you should be able to get it through the Sports & Exhibition Authority.

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August 23, 2007

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Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor
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Dear Chief Executive Onorato and Mayor Ravenstahl:

We are delighted that you have agreed to host the October 2, 2007 Summit on Racial Disparities & Empowerment. In preparation for this event, we ask that, in accordance with 65 P.S. §§ 66.1 *et seq.*, you provide us with the following information by September 14, 2007. If you are unable to respond to any of the following requests for information by September 14, please inform us of that fact, as well as the reason that you are unable to provide us with the information, by September 5, 2007:.

- A written summary of the goals established by the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, respectively, for the minority share of city and county employment and contracts for both construction projects and goods and services;
- The minority share of employment in city and county government;

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- The percentage of minorities on current specific job sites;
- The percentage and/or number of minority contracts, for both construction and goods and services for publicly funded projects;
- A list of all contractors associated with the Builders Guild, including the specific identification of minority contractors;
- A list and copies of all Project Labor Agreements and Labor Stabilization Agreements that impact City and County construction;
- An explanation of the process for how unions and the Builders Guild hire on each job, and a list of any new initiatives for such hiring;
- A list of the unions that are part of the Joint Council of Building Trades and/or are signatories to the Project Labor Agreements and Labor Stabilization Agreements;
- A list of all union apprenticeship programs and a written summary of their steps to recruit, train, and maintain minority workers, including the numbers of minorities recruited over a period of years, and the current number of apprentice graduates;
- The number of minority members in EACH of the unions, including the numbers of minorities who have been working in each union during the past year, and the number CURRENTLY working, and the number of apprentices;
- A complete copy of the Pittsburgh Works Legislation, along with any memos from the City's Legal Department that comment on this legislation;
- An updated report of the USE of Pittsburgh Works Legislation on job sites in recent years and at present, and a listing of the numbers of minorities on each job site;
- A written summary of all goals and objectives for minority requirements in the Building Trades, starting with "Project Dig"; and
- A written summary of the specific steps that the City and County have taken in recent years to lessen racial disparities in employment and in the awarding of contracts; an analysis of the impact of these actions, as well as any planned new initiatives; and a candid assessment of the failures and the reasons for those failures and corrective strategies, planned, anticipated or current.

In addition to providing us with the above-listed information, we ask that you agree to provide all necessary resources for holding the event, including continental breakfast and lunch for the Summit attendees and the printing and mailing of invitations to the Summit to all invitees. In the spirit of the goals of the event, we also ask that you contract with minority businesses to provide these services if they cannot be accomplished in-house. We also ask that you invite the mayors, school superintendents, and chiefs of police of all of the municipalities in Allegheny County to attend the Summit.

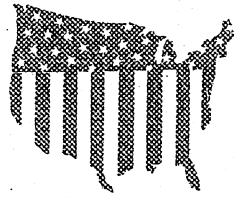
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Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to these matters. We look forward to meeting with you on October 2 to discuss ways to expand the opportunities available to minorities in the City and County and eliminate the glaring racial disparities that were documented by the University of Pittsburgh's Center on Race and Social Problems.

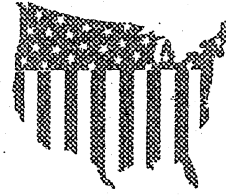
Sincerely,

Tim Stevens, Chairman
The Black Political Empowerment Project

cc: Mr. Mark Jones
Mr. Ed Gainey
The B-PEP Planning Council
The Summit on Racial Disparities and Empowerment Planning Group



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THE BLACK POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

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May 11, 2007

In Memoriam
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Dear Mr. Chalovich:

The Labor and Civil Rights communities have a long history of working together to address discrimination and social inequalities. In this context, I thank you for your January 30, 2007 letter to the Pittsburgh Pirates and the April 19 recommendation to the Pittsburgh Pirates that they follow the Workers Rights Consortium investigatory protocols. I facilitated a meeting of various governmental jurisdictions that included the State of Pennsylvania, on March 29, 2007 in Harrisburg, PA where Mr. Scott Nova presented the WRC's assessment of the global apparel industry. The Black Political Empowerment Project (B-PEP) was represented at a recent meeting with The Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity in NYC. We anticipate that The WRC would be willing to help the Pittsburgh Pirates assert themselves in a way that will support the people in Bangladesh who have been sewing our Pirates apparel. I, along with members of the Pittsburgh Anti-Sweatshop Community Alliance, met with the Pirates before the 2006 All Star Game. We hope that the Sports and Exhibition Authority will help to facilitate another meeting in the near future. This is an important way for our Pittsburgh community to demonstrate our high standards for workers' rights, and to create a climate where fairness and our shared concern for Human Rights can have an appropriate impact.

As the new arena project, the North Shore Connector, the building of the new casino, and related roadwork get underway, the attention of the African American Community is again drawn to the very serious and historic lack of minorities in the Building Trades. It is very important that high-level representatives of the Building Trades participate in an open and public discussion about the current status of minority membership in the Building

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Trades, and to discuss what will be done in the long term to significantly increase minority membership. As a member of the Joint Council of the Building Trades, and Chairman of the Sports and Exhibition Authority -- so designated by Mayor Ravenstahl and Chief Executive Dan Onorato, you are the most appropriate person to present information on this important matter and to hear the concerns of the African American Community. I ask that you please call me, at 412-758-7898, to confirm your receipt of this letter and to begin creating a framework for a breakthrough for minority employment on construction sites at this important time moment in time.

While these issues are complex, the most important thing is that we begin a series of conversations to expand our shared understanding of these issues, and find solutions that are creative and effective, ones which will produce great results!

Our community is concerned about our lack of significant representation in the Building Trades, and how federal, state and city construction dollars are spent under contracts covered by Project Labor Agreements. The African American community simply has not, and is not, benefiting from the construction opportunities which have existed in our region in the way we should. That situation must change.

While there can be numerous short term practices to increase the number of minorities on these big construction sites, like testing in qualified workers (bypassing the apprenticeship programs) and grand fathering in minority trades workers whose membership has lapsed, a long-term meaningful approach that can unite us will require some sort of in depth reporting, research, and ongoing discussion. This reporting has been required at various times in the past, most recently the Builders Guild had committed to reporting to the city. We have not, however, been able to access any recent reporting.

We are also acutely aware that the Building Trades represent a fraction of the total construction going on in our region (though nearly all of the government funded construction work), and that there are many African Americans working on non union construction sites who may be willing to become union members.

Sincerely,



Tim Stevens, Chairman
The Black Political Empowerment Project

ENCLOSURE: Letter to Dan Onorato and Luke Ravenstahl

cc: The B-PEP Planning Council