



Wauponsee Township

Division of Roads and Bridges

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Dear Contractor,

At the April 14, 2009 board meeting, the Wauponsee Township board of trustees adopted resolution 2009-2 following the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Law regarding High Visibility Apparel. While it is true that this law need only be followed on a federal-aided highway, Wauponsee Township has decided that worker safety shall remain the number one priority and thus has adopted this law on all of its roads, bridges, and right-of-ways. As a contractor working in the right of way under the jurisdiction of Wauponsee Township, you will be **required** to comply with this law by wearing High Visibility Apparel meeting the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Standard. Any worker found not compliant with the law shall be required to immediately become compliant or will be required to leave the work site. The FHWA Law is explained below.

Federal Highway Administration

NEW FHWA LAW: November 24, 2008 is the deadline for the worker visibility provisions published by the Federal Highway Administration on November 26, 2006, 23 CFR Part 634. This means that by November 24 all workers within the right of way of a federal-aid highway who are exposed either to traffic or construction equipment within the work area have to wear high-visibility safety apparel that meets the Performance Class 2 or 3 requirements of the American National Standard for High Visibility Apparel. (ANSI/ISEA107.2004)

FHWA is charged with the broad responsibility of ensuring that America's roads and highways continue to be the safest and most technologically up-to-date. Although state, local, and tribal governments own most of the nation's highways, we provide financial and technical support to them for constructing, improving, and preserving America's Highway system. Visit the FHWA web site for more information (www.fhwa.dot.gov/).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Doerfler
Highway Commissioner