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Hopkins rules on method of supplying union labor to Works Program contract job

Providing a means of responding quickly to contractors' requests for union labor on projects done under contract in the Works Program, Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, today ruled that union labor may be supplied from lists of union workers on relief furnished by recognized unions.

The contractors will make their requests to employment agencies designated by the United States Employment Service, and these public employment agencies will get lists of members from the union. Preference will be given to the union members classed as regular employees of the contractor and who are on relief rolls. Second choice will be made from other members on relief, and after members on relief have been given employment, any other members of the union may be employed.

If unions do not furnish lists of qualified workers in 48 hours after notice from the employment office, the contractor may choose labor supplied by the agency.

Note: The full text of the administrative ruling is attached.
Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Regulation No. 1 (prescribed by Executive Order No. 7046 of May 20, 1935 and amendments thereto) and Regulation No. 2 (prescribed by Executive Order No. 7083 of June 24, 1935 and amendments thereto), I hereby issue the following Administrative Order:

1. The term "projects prosecuted under contract," as used herein shall mean a project or portion of a project which is (a) financed in whole or in part from funds appropriated by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, and (b) prosecuted under a fixed price contract, limited fixed price contract, or management contract, as defined in Regulation No. 3 (prescribed by Executive Order No. 7083 of June 24, 1935).

2. All organized labor, skilled and unskilled, when organized labor is desired and requested by the contractor, which is employed upon projects prosecuted under contract shall be supplied by the employment agencies designated by the United States Employment Service, from the membership of recognized unions, with preference, first, to those members of such unions who constitute regular employees of the contractor and who are on the local public relief rolls, second, to other members of such unions who are on the relief rolls, and upon the exhaustion of union members on such rolls, to any other members of the union. In the event, however, that qualified workers are not made available from the membership of the unions within forty-eight hours (Sundays and holidays excepted) after a request therefor is filed by the contractor, and the employment agency has notified the unions of the receipt of such request, such labor may be chosen by the contractor from other qualified workers, supplied by employment agencies designated by the United States Employment Service.

August 15, 1935.

Harry L. Hopkins,
Administrator.