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## Joint Task Force on the Underground Economy and Employee Misclassification

[Task Force Tip Form !\[\]\(cf531ed27e91483460120fcc057b3901\_img.jpg\)](#)

### TO REPORT FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

Please Call 1-877-96-LABOR (877-965-2267)  
ALL REPORTING WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS

### Executive Order No. 499

**Issued: March 12, 2008**  
Establishing a Joint Enforcement Task Force on the Underground Economy and Employee Misclassification


### Governor's Task Force

Joint Enforcement Task Force on the Underground Economy and Employee Misclassification. On March 12, 2008, Governor Deval L. Patrick signed Executive Order #499 establishing the Joint Enforcement Task Force on the Underground Economy and Employee Misclassification. This Task Force is charged with coordinating the efforts of several state agencies to stamp out fraudulent employment activities and bring those workers under the protective umbrella of statutes and regulations that protect their rights and ensure a safe working environment. In addition, the Task Force will be working to bring those employers who skirt the laws of the Commonwealth into compliance and create a level playing field for all businesses to compete and contribute to the economic well-being of our state.

### How The Underground Economy Hurts Massachusetts

### NEWS & UPDATES

- Contractors to Pay a Total of Over \$36,000 in Fines and Restitution
- Public Hearing and Information Session with the Joint Task Force on the Underground Economy
- Virginia Drywall Company Cited \$10,000 for Violating the Massachusetts Independent Contractor Law
- Somerville Co. Agrees to Pay Nearly \$10,000 in Fines and Restitution for Violating the State's Independent Contractor, Overtime and Records Keeping Law
- Construction Company Agrees To Pay Nearly \$180,000 And A One Year Debarment
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- Frequently Asked Questions About The Underground Economy Task Force
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