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TRENTON – The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) has posted the names of 14 additional businesses to its Workplace Accountability in Labor List (aka The WALL), bringing to 82 the total number of delinquent employers with outstanding liabilities for violations of state wage, benefit or tax laws.

Collectively, the 14 businesses, which have failed to resolve their outstanding liabilities with NJDOL and/or Treasury despite repeated requests, owe just over \$956,000 in wages and penalties to their employees and the state.

“Our mission is to ensure all workers are legally classified and fairly compensated, and that no employer gains a competitive advantage by skirting their responsibilities under the law,” said Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo. “This powerful enforcement tool is reserved for bad actors who have refused multiple opportunities to come into compliance, and we plan to use it to the fullest extent allowed.”

The WALL is an online, downloadable and viewable public listing of companies that have shortchanged their workers and state taxpayers by violating state wage, benefit, or tax laws and against whom a final order has been issued by the NJDOL or other agency for such violations. The WALL is updated monthly, with new businesses added and any business that pays its fines and fees in full deleted from the posting.

The WALL was established through bipartisan action (P.L.2019, c.366) to combat worker misclassification and exploitation, which costs the state hundreds of millions of dollars in missed taxes per year. It gives NJDOL power to protect fair-minded businesses across the state from employers who undercut their workers to gain a competitive edge. Any business whose name appears on The WALL is barred from public contracting with state, county, or local governments, until they pay their liabilities in full.

"Our Office of Strategic Enforcement and Compliance has a duty to ensure a safe and respectful work environment for New Jersey's entire workforce," said Director Peter Basso. "The WALL helps us enforce state labor laws and go after employers who use their leverage to exploit their workers."

Posting on The WALL is separate from – and may be in addition to – other accountability measures, such as public contractor debarment and business license suspension or revocation. State, county, municipal and school procurement officers must cross-reference The WALL before awarding public contracts, as they do with the debarment list.

Businesses receive letters warning that their company's name will be posted to The WALL unless they remedy their outstanding liabilities; they are given 20 days from when they receive the notice to pay in full or challenge their placement on The WALL.

The inaugural posting of bad actors went live in September. Additional businesses with outstanding violations were added in October and November.

Below is the list of businesses added to The WALL in December.

The WALL can be viewed or downloaded [here](#).

Questions about the WALL should be directed to OSECInquiries@dol.nj.gov.

For a comprehensive list of questions and answers about The WALL, visit nj.gov/labor/wall.

1.	<p>A Z Construction of NJ Inc 1038 Park Avenue, Apt. 11, Plainfield, NJ 07060</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000030-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 1/2/2020</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$25,535.00</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
2.	<p>Brasero Chicken 3 LLC 162 E 23rd St., Paterson, NJ 07514 584 River St., Paterson, NJ 07524</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000031-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 6/20/2022</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$74,046.07</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
3.	<p>Dar's Staffing LLC 224 Twin Lakes Blvd., Little Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08087</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000032-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 4/11/2023</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$97,634.52</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>

4.	<p>EC Abatement Inc. 23 North 6th Street, Newark, NJ 07107</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000033-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 4/12/2023</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$70,860.11</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
5.	<p>Lane Mechanical Heating and Cooling LLC 158 Whispering Pines Drive, Lincroft, NJ 07738-1250</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000034-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 12/16/2019</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$65,000.00</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
6.	<p>Mi Casa Es Su Casa II, Inc. 38 Mohegan Trail, Saddle River, NJ 07458</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000035-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 11/8/2018</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$93,092.19</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>

7.	<p>New Empire Construction LLC 18 Beakes Street, Trenton, NJ 08638 1718 8th Street Apt. A, Ewing, NJ 08638-3014</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000036-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 3/5/2020</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$48,213.15</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
8.	<p>NYC Factory 2 Inc 2321 Kennedy Blvd. Suite 7, North Bergen, NJ 07047</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000037-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 10/25/2019</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$69,219.57</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
9.	<p>Opportunities for All Inc. 29 Sunflower Circle, PO Box 1344, Burlington, NJ 08016 1701 S. Broad Street, Hamilton, NJ 08610</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000038-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 5/26/2020</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$89,644.12</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>

10.	<p>Quench Solar LLC 330 Carter Road, Princeton, NJ 08540</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000039-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 8/10/2021</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$85,552.40</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
11.	<p>Red Square Foods, Inc. 62 Berry Street, Somerset, NJ 08873 920 North Stanley Ave # 201, West Hollywood, CA 90046</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000040-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 4/8/2021</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$48,605.00</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
12.	<p>River Drive Companies LLC 540 Ravine Ct., Wyckoff, NJ 07481 23-00 Route 208, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410</p> <p>OSEC's Docket #: WALL-WH-000041-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 10/4/2018</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$58,250.00</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>

13.	<p>Mighty Mustard Seed, LLC d/b/a The UPS Store 4525 24 Tine Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833</p> <p>OSEC’s Docket #: WALL-WH-000042-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 12/28/2022</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$71,764.25</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>
14.	<p>Vortechx Applied Technologies, LLC 127 Monmouth Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716-2216 PO Box 304, Navesink, NJ 07752-0304</p> <p>OSEC’s Docket #: WALL-WH-000043-2023</p> <p>Violation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NJ Wage Payment Law - P.L.1965, c.173 (C.34:11-4.1 et seq.)• The NJ State Wage and Hour Law - P.L.1966, c.113 (C.34:11-56a et seq.)• The NJ Prevailing Wage Act - P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) <p>Date of Final Judgment/Order: 7/27/2020</p> <p>Total Liability Owed Under Final Judgement/Order: \$58,886.04</p> <p>Date Posted on the WALL: 12/05/2023</p>

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