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Mr. A. Leo Ouellette  
President  
Mr. Bertram L. Koppisch  
Vice President  
Koppisch and Ouellette Electric  
Company, Inc.  
8 Mountain Road  
Willimantic, Connecticut 06226

Dear Messrs. Ouellette and Koppisch:

Subject: A. Dubreuil & Sons, Inc. -  
Prime Contractor  
Koppisch & Ouellette Electric  
Company, Inc. - Subcontractor  
Willimantic, Connecticut  
Contract Nos.: DTCG39-84-C-00051  
Yeaton Hall, USCGA  
New London, Connecticut  
  
DTCG39-84-C-00061  
Pine Hall, JSCGA  
New London, Connecticut  
DOL File No.: 86-107-02576

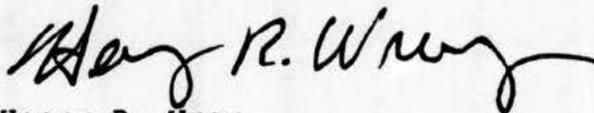
The Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated January 11, 1988, recommended to our Office that the names Koppisch and Ouellette Electric Company, Inc., A. Leo Ouellette, individually and as its President and Bertram L. Koppisch, individually and as its Vice President, be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982), with respect to the above-referred contracts.

We concur with the Administrator's recommendation. The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is to debar persons and firms whom he finds have disregarded their obligations to their employees under the Act. 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2. Our review of the record in this case confirms

that there were substantial violations which constitute a disregard of obligations to your employees with respect to minimum wage provisions of the Act. Accordingly, your names individually and as president, and vice-president, and that of Koppisch & Ouellette Electric Company, Inc., will be included on a list of ineligible bidders to be distributed to all departments of the government. Pursuant to statutory direction at 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2, no contract shall be awarded to Koppisch & Ouelette Electric Company, Inc., or to you, or to any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which you have an interest until 3 years have elapsed from the date of publication of that list.

When our Claims Group receives the funds which were withheld for the violations, they will be disbursed to the wage claimants in accordance with established procedures.

Sincerely yours,



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