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Omaha Company Sentenced for Making False Statements to the U.S. Department of Labor

United States Attorney Joe Kelly announced today that Chief United States District Court Judge John M. Gerrard sentenced Perkins & Perkins Co., LLC, an Omaha-based construction company, to a three-year term of probation and ordered restitution in the amount of \$75,666 following the company's felony conviction for making false statements to a federal agency.

During an investigation conducted by Special Agents with the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General, it was determined that between 2012 to 2014, Perkins & Perkins Co., LLC was awarded \$1,530,503 in five Department of Transportation subcontracts to perform work on highway and road projects in Iowa and Nebraska. The projects were each federally funded requiring compliance with federal reporting requirements.

As part of the Department of Transportation subcontracts, Perkins & Perkins Co., LLC was required to pay its employees a prevailing wage. Perkins & Perkins Co., LLC was also required to submit weekly certified payroll records to the General Contractor of each project certifying that prevailing wages were in fact paid to the company's employees. Certified payroll records submitted to the General Contractors were relied upon by the United States Department of Labor for processing payments to Perkins & Perkins Co., LLC under the Department of Transportation subcontracts.

Between 2012 and 2014 Perkins & Perkins Co., LLC submitted false certified payroll records relied upon by the United States Department of Labor. The certified payroll records falsely represented Perkins & Perkins Co., LLC paid the required prevailing wage to its employees, when company employees were paid less than the prevailing wage.

"We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners and United States Department of Labor's Office of the Solicitor and Wage and Hour Division to protect the integrity of United States Department of Labor programs and to ensure workers are paid proper wages for the work they perform," stated Steven Grell, Special Agent-in-Charge, Dallas Region, U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

This case was investigated by the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.