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## Brent Spence Bridge Emergency Repair Named a 'Project of the Year' by American Public Works Association

Gov. Andy Beshear today announced that the emergency project to quickly repair and reopen the critically important Brent Spence Bridge following a truck crash and fire has been selected as a Public Works Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association (APWA). The Brent Spence Bridge repair was among a select handful of projects the association singled out as exemplifying “amazing collaborative efforts to build and rebuild America’s infrastructure.” It was named Project of the Year in the category of disaster or emergency construction repair less than \$5 million. APWA will recognize the Brent Spence repair and other Project of the Year Award winners in a video posted to [www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net) on Aug. 31.

This nationally recognized bridge has now earned Kentucky national praise for the great work performed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and its contractors to turn a crisis into an accomplishment,” Gov. Beshear said. “The expert repairs not only led to the quick reopening of an economically significant corridor during a bustling holiday season, but it preserved the safe condition of a bridge that will remain in service for decades to come.” APWA CEO Scott D. Grayson said the annual awards recognize the alliance between managing agencies, contractors and consultants.

“The beauty of the Project of the Year Awards is that they highlight the amazing collaborative efforts to build and rebuild America’s infrastructure. Every year, I’m amazed at the innovation and vision the award recipients share to improve quality of life for the public,” Grayson said.

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## Overcome Troublesome Time-Tracking Challenges

Tracking time might not seem like the most vital administrative task, but for construction companies that do prevailing wage work, it is difficult and critical. Although it might seem to be fairly straightforward to capture hours worked and issue paychecks, many things can go wrong. By using the following strategies, construction companies can identify and overcome their most troublesome time-tracking challenges.

### Tracking Work Classifications

There is a lot going on at the jobsite, so changing work classifications on the go often gets overlooked. The problem is that work classifications are directly tied to prevailing wage rates. When a worker changes from task to task in the field, it must be tracked so that wage determinations can be correctly assigned. Any mistake at this point will lead to additional payroll mistakes and leave you out of compliance with prevailing wage laws.

### Inaccurate Time Tracking

Accurate time tracking is directly tied to profit for every business, but for construction companies it is even more critical. Having a clear understanding of the labor costs involved in completing tasks and projects is key to creating competitive bids. For this reason, every hour needs to be correctly tracked in accordance with the task being done. It must also be attributed to the project being worked on to get a complete picture of the true labor costs involved.

### Wage Determination Errors

Wage determinations set the hourly wage and fringe benefit rate for every classification of laborer and mechanic. These rates apply to federally funded prevailing wage jobs, and they come from wage surveys conducted by the Department of Labor. Some states have similar laws in place and publish their own wage determinations that apply to state-funded jobs. Selecting the wrong wage determination for the work being performed is easy to do, but it leads to significant errors throughout the entire payroll process.

### Accountability Problems

Forgetting to clock in and out, "buddy" punches and off-site punches are common problems faced by construction companies. This issue can take a big toll on the overall accuracy and efficiency of payroll processes.

## About The KYTC

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on KYTC contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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