

Guide To Public Resources On Unions*



Common Areas of Inquiries About Unions

Union corruption and mismanagement: waste, embezzlements, improper reporting, discrimination and internal disputes.

Union pension funds: prohibited transactions, fiduciary violations, embezzlements, faulty investments, underfunding, “lost” funds and other ERISA violations.

Union apprenticeship programs: fiduciary violations, apprenticeship law or prevailing wage law violations, discrimination or poor training results.

Poor performance on union-only project labor agreements: cost overruns, delays, defective workmanship, unsafe worksites and discrimination.

Union/non-union statistical comparisons: market share, wages, benefits, training, safety, area-wide union agreements, constitutions and bylaws, prevailing wage determinations, job targeting programs and PAC contributions.



For more information, go to www.abc.org/cardcheck

* Not legal advice or opinion. Employers should obtain such advice based upon individual facts before communicating with employees on issues relating to unions.

Public Resources Providing Information About Unions

U.S. Department of Labor

www.dol.gov

Union financial reports (LM-2), union constitutions and bylaws (available at DOL's Internet Public Disclosure Room): www.union-reports.dol.gov

Reports on criminal and civil enforcement actions against unions:
www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/olms/enforcement.htm

Union pension fund financial disclosures (Form 5500): www.freeerisa.com

Registered Apprentice Information System (available through DOL OATELS): www.doleta.gov/OA/eta_default.cfm

OSHA Inspection Reports and citations:
www.osha.gov/pls/imis/establishment.search

Prevailing wage determinations by county: www.wdol.gov

Union Apprenticeship Funds' Form 990s

www.guidestar.org/index.jsp

Published court decisions about unions

<http://findlaw.com>; www.lexis.com;
www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov

Websites focusing on union corruption

www.nlpc.org/artindx.asp; www.unionfacts.com;
www.nlpc.org/olap.asp

Union corruption monograph: www.nilrr.org

Union dissident websites

www.uniondemocracy.org

Teamsters for a Democratic Union: www.tdu.org

Carpenters for a Democratic Union:
www.ranknfile.net

Rank and File Laborers Union: <http://www.laborers.org>

The Laborers' Network: <http://www.thelaborers.net>

Union PAC records receipts and contributions

www.opensecrets.org/pacs/index.asp

Union bargaining agreements

<http://www.dol.gov/esa/olms/regs/compliance/cba/index.htm>;
www.bnalaborplus.com; www.unionreports.gov

Union statistics (workforce density)

www.unionstats.com (construction specific by region and state); www.bls.gov

Union strikes; unfair labor practices:

www.bnalaborplus.com; www.nlrb.gov

Union-only project labor agreements

www.opencontracting.com; www.abc.org/pla (studies, talking points and legislative position papers)

Union links on many issues

www.ilr.cornell.edu



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