

Protecting And Recovering Your Wages

(NAPSA)—For too many workers in the U.S., a fair day's pay for a fair day's work doesn't ring true. That's especially the case in certain sectors of the economy including construction, food service, agriculture, janitorial, retail and hospitality. Too often, employers mistakenly or intentionally deny workers the wages to which they are legally entitled, such as the minimum wage and overtime.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

Workers who may be due money from an investigation have a new online tool.

That's where the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division comes in. The agency enforces federal labor laws. If it investigates and finds that an employer failed to pay at least the minimum wage and overtime, it can recover unpaid wages on behalf of workers.

The Wage and Hour Division wants to make sure those wages are quickly handed over to the workers who earned them, yet finding workers can sometimes be a challenge.

But there's now a new online tool called Workers Owed Wages. It's available in English and Spanish and allows workers or their advocates to find out—through a set of user-friendly questions—if they are owed wages currently held as the result of an investigation.

To use the Workers Owed Wages tool, visit <http://webapps.dol.gov/wow>. For more information on wage laws or to file a complaint, visit www.dol.gov/whd or call (866) 4-USWAGE.