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FROM: The CSLB Executive Office

SUBJECT: Contractor License Requirements for Creation and Installation of Artistic Works

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is issuing a reminder about contractor license requirements as they relate to the installation or creation of artistic works in public or private places.

Some examples might include painting of murals along roadways or on indoor or outdoor walls; bolting, cementing, or welding of metal or iron artistic structures to the ground or to other permanent structures; or installing other durable artwork to indoor or outdoor permanent structures or land.

Whether the ultimate purpose of the work is functional or artistic, such services will require a contractor's license if the activity meets the definition of "contractor" in [Business and Professions Code section 7026](#), which provides, in part:

"...a contractor is any person who undertakes to or offers to undertake to, or purports to have the capacity to undertake to, or submits a bid to, or does himself or herself or by or through others, construct, alter, repair, add to, subtract from, improve, move, wreck or demolish any building, highway, road, parking facility, railroad, excavation or other structure, project, development or improvement, or to do any part thereof, including the erection of scaffolding or other structures or works in connection therewith, or the cleaning of grounds or structures in connection therewith... and whether or not the performance of work herein described involves the addition to, or fabrication into, any structure, project, development or improvement herein described of any material or article of merchandise. ..."

Project owners considering such works are encouraged to contact classifications@cslb.ca.gov for assistance in determining the appropriate contractor license classification for their project.