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# Preliminary Notice, California Private Works

Free form. Subcontractors and suppliers on a construction project are required to serve the owner and/or lender with this form within 20 days of beginning the job in order to later qualify for a mechanics lien. (If you serve it later, it only covers work or material beginning 20 days before service.)

Use the RTF (word processing format) if you need to make changes to the form before filling it out, such as adding additional room for legal description, additional names of signatories, or additional details. Be aware that changing the language on some forms may affect their validity and enforceability.

## **Disclaimer!**

These forms have been adapted from California statutes and highly-regarded practice guides to fit common situations. The law librarians have attempted to provide instructions, definitions, and examples to assist non-lawyers in understanding the purpose of the form, and what type of information to include when filling it out.

However, only lawyers (attorneys) can advise you of the correct forms for your particular situation, and what specific information to include on your forms.

It is your responsibility to determine whether this form is suited to your needs. If you have questions about what form to use, or how to fill them out, visit your local law library to do your own legal research, or consult a lawyer.