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Confusion Does Not Lead To Economic Growth
*USDOL's Changes to Independent Contractor Rule Upsets
Biden Administration's Larger Economic Goals*

(Fairfax, Va.) – *The chief executive officer of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Doug Carlson, issued the following statement on U.S. Dept. of Labor's announcement of the withdrawal of its FLSA independent contractor classification rule:*

"The Labor Department's withdrawal of the balanced changes to the FLSA independent contractor rule that employers were planning to use in their operations is going to lead to even more uncertainty in the workplace. The proposed 'economic realities test' would have provided common-sense clarity to NUCA members using subcontractors for their infrastructure projects.

The Biden Administration is promoting infrastructure projects as the economic engine to get this nation back to work. But when the same Administration introduces this unnecessary depth of confusion into the very engine of national growth, it remains hard to see how another interpretation of the independent contractor rule is going to deliver more jobs, clean water, and reliable high-speed broadband to American communities.

The Biden Administration needs to do better if it is to deliver on its economic promises to America."

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