

Years ago, I was the sub on a big project having trouble getting paid from the GC. I'd call and call, send faxes (this was before email, mind you), and nothing. They were totally ignoring me. So one day, I decided I'd had enough, and went over to their office in person, and asked to speak to the accounts payable person.

Her desk was a mess – there were papers that looked like invoices everywhere. But when I took a closer look, I noticed that there were two distinct stacks of invoices, two huge piles really, arranged on her desk. She finally got off the phone and asked me what I wanted. I told her that I was there to get paid, but first I had a question for her. 'I see you have two big stacks of invoices on your desk. I'm guessing that they're all from subs just like me. I gotta know, what do the two different stacks mean?'

Pointing to the left stack she said, 'this stack here is invoices from subs that have also sent me preliminary notices.' Pointing to the other stack she continued, 'and this stack is invoices from companies that did not send a preliminary notice.' 'Oh,' I replied. 'So why do you separate them like that?' 'Easy,' she answered. 'We pay these invoices first,' as she pointed to the left-hand stack of invoices that also had preliminary notices, then motioning to the other stack she continued, 'and we pay these invoices when we get around to it.' From that day forward, I always sent preliminary notices on every single job, no matter what.

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66 Shows me how much the subcontractor is paying attention

T&F CONSTRUCTION CO

In response to a Texas notice sent by thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation

Confirming or adding to our information on who is on our projects

BALFOUR BEATTY

In response to a Florida Notice sent by PTE Systems International LLC

66 Helps by making it easy to request corrections to the preliminary notice

KB HOMES – SACRAMENTO In response to a California Notice sent by Holt Cat of California

66 Help us know who we are paying

GLUCK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

In response to a California notice sent by Hajoca Corporation

66 I can ensure accuracy

POWER & MCDOWELL DEVELOPMENT

In response to an Arizona notice sent by Blueline Rental



Of companies that receive preliminary notice call them **helpful** or just part of everyday business