DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration; Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General Wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and superseded decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal Register, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled “General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts,” shall be the minimum paid by governmental agency having an interest.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S–3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

New General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions added to the Government Printing Office document entitled “General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts” are listed by Volume and States:

Volume IV
Wisconsin

Volume V
Iowa

Volume VI
Alaska
General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts." This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068.


When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the seven separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.


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Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting


TIME AND PLACE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 1998.

PLACE: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following:

1. Secretary of Labor v. Harlan

KENT 96-325, etc. (Issues include (a) whether Harlan violated 30 CFR § 75.202(a) and the violation was significant and substantial, (b) whether Harlan violated 30 CFR § 75.220 and § 75.400, and (c) whether Harlan’s violations of 30 CFR § 75.517, § 75.604, and § 75.1106–3(a)(2) were significant and substantial.

TIME AND PLACE: 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 28, 1998.

PLACE: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following:


Jean H. Ellen,
Chief Docket Clerk.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

U.S. National Assessment Synthesis Team; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: U.S. National Assessment Synthesis Team (S2519).

Date: August 23–28, 1998 (see under "Agenda" for times when the meeting is in session).

Place: Woods Hole, Massachusetts (J. Erik Jonsson Woods Hole Center, National Academy of Science, Marine Biological Laboratory).

Type of Meeting: Partially Closed.

Contact Person: Ms. Melissa J. Taylor, Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USCRP), 400 Virginia Avenue SW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20024. Tel: 202-314–2239; Fax: 202–488–8681; Email: mtaylor@usgcrp.gov. Interested persons should contact Ms. Taylor as soon as possible to assure space provisions are made for all participants and observers.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the interagency Subcommittee on Global Change Research on the design and conduct of the national effort to assess the consequences of climate variability and climate change for the United States.

Reason for Closing: The personnel matters being discussed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are within exemption 6 of U.S.C. 552(b)(c), Government in the Sunshine Act.

Agenda

Agenda Topics

Day 1 (August 23) will review overall progress since the April meeting, and will focus on fine-tuning climate and socio-economic scenarios for the assessment; Days 2–4 (August 24–26) will review proposed drafts covering elements of a topic sentence outline; Day 5 (August 27) will review the timetable and agree on assignments to members; Day 6 (August 28) will wrap-up discussions and address any outstanding issues.

Scheduling

August 23: Meeting in open session from 7:30 AM–1:30 PM and 5:00 PM–7:00 PM; closed session from 1:30 PM–2:30 PM to discuss personnel matters; recreational break from 2:30 PM–5:00 PM.

August 24, 25 and 26: Meeting in open session from 7:30 AM–9:00 AM and 5:00 PM–7:00 PM.

August 27: Meeting in open session from 7:30 AM–2:30 PM and 5:00 PM–6:00 PM; closed session from 6:00 PM–7:00 PM to discuss personnel matters; recreational break from 2:30 PM–5:00 PM.

August 28: Meeting in open session from 7:30 AM–12:00 PM (Adjourn at 12:00 PM).


M. Rebecca Winkler,
Committee Management Officer.

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