



## **APD ALERT**

### **Suspension of the Davis-Bacon Act Within a Limited Geographic Area in Response to the National Emergency Caused by Hurricane Katrina -- A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America**

The President has suspended, until further notice, provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act for construction, alteration, and repair of public buildings and public works in contracts for the payment of minimum wages. This provision applies to contracts in excess of \$2,000 performed in the named jurisdictions. Also suspended are the provisions of any Executive Order, proclamation, rule, regulation, or other directive providing for the payment of wages, whose provisions are dependent upon determinations by the Secretary of Labor under Section 3142 of Title 40, United States Code.

This action is made necessary by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina which has resulted in unprecedented property damage from a natural disaster which has destroyed an undetermined number of homes and businesses. Federal assistance will be needed to restore the communities and the wage rates imposed by the Davis-Bacon Act increase the cost to the Federal Government of providing Federal assistance to these areas. Suspension of the Act and the operation of related acts dependent upon the Secretary of Labor's determinations will result in greater assistance to these communities and will permit the employment of additional individuals.

A list of the jurisdictions is attached. The Presidential proclamation may be found at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/09/20050908-5.html>

The suspension shall apply to all contracts entered into after September 8, 2005, and performed in the named jurisdictions. The suspension will remain in effect until further notice.

Attachment

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## JURISDICTIONS

### ALABAMA

The counties of Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile, Sumter, and Washington.

### FLORIDA

The counties of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe.

### LOUISIANA

The parishes of Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, De Soto, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, La Salle, Lafayette, Lafourche, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana, and Winn.

### MISSISSIPPI

The counties of Adams, Alcorn, Amite, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clarke, Clay, Coahoma, Copiah, Covington, DeSoto, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Grenada, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lafayette, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lee, Leflore, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Walthall, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wilkinson, Winston, Yalobusha, and Yazoo.