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TO: All Contracting Agencies of the Federal Government and the District of Columbia

FROM: *Herbert J. Cohen*  
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SUBJECT: Publication of Davis-Bacon and Related Acts  
General Wage Determinations

The Wage and Hour Division of the Employment Standards Administration issues general wage determinations under the Davis-Bacon Act for areas with a substantial amount of Federal or Federally-assisted construction where wage patterns for a particular type of construction are well settled. Because of its wide circulation and initial low cost, the Federal Register has served as the publication medium for communicating such information since 1971 (See AAM #98, July 20, 1971).

In recent years, the cost of printing material in the Federal Register has increased significantly. The Department has tried alternative formats for such material in an effort to reduce costs; however, these changes have led to serious user problems in locating, interpreting, filing, and duplicating published Davis-Bacon general wage determinations.

Therefore, beginning January 3, 1986, Davis-Bacon general wage determinations are scheduled to be published in a new special purpose publication, General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, which will be available through the Government Printing Office (GPO). The Department will continue to publish notices of supersedeas and general wage determinations and notices of modifications to existing wage determinations in the Federal Register on a weekly basis. However, the actual wage rate data will only be published in the new GPO publication.

General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts will be offered on an annual subscription basis (\$277 per volume including weekly updates) through GPO. On or about January 3, 1986, the first annual edition of the new publication will be issued. It will contain all Davis-Bacon general wage determinations currently in effect. Thereafter, weekly updates will be issued to subscribers via first class mail.

The new publication will be divided geographically into three volumes: East, Central, and West (see attachment). Subscriptions may be ordered now from the GPO Superintendent of Documents. Inquiries regarding its availability may be directed to the Superintendent of Documents Order Desk at (202) 783-3238. New subscribers will receive the current year's annual edition and all weekly updates for that calendar year regardless of when the order is placed.

For those not wishing to subscribe, the publication will be available at all 80 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the other 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the nation.

A detailed description of the new publication procedures is expected to be published weekly in the Federal Register beginning December 1, 1985 and continuing through December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1985. Thereafter, brief weekly notices will describe how published general wage determinations may be obtained under the new procedures.

Any inquiries concerning this new procedure should be directed to Dr. Alan Moss, Director, Division of Wage Determinations, at (202) 523-7531.

Attachment

State Composition of Volumes for "General Wage Determinations  
Issued Under Davis-Bacon and Related Acts"

Volume I East	Volume II Central	Volume III West
Alabama	New York	Alaska
Connecticut	North Carolina	Arizona
Delaware	Pennsylvania	California
Florida	Rhode Island	Colorado
Georgia	South Carolina	Hawaii
Kentucky	Tennessee	Idaho
Maine	Vermont	Montana
Maryland	Virginia	Nevada
Massachusetts	West Virginia	North Dakota
Mississippi	District of Col.	Oregon
New Hampshire	Canal Zone	South Dakota
New Jersey	Puerto Rico	Utah
	Virgin Islands	Washington
		Wyoming
	Arkansas	
	Illinois	
	Indiana	
	Iowa	
	Kansas	
	Louisiana	
	Michigan	
	Minnesota	
	Missouri	
	Nebraska	
	New Mexico	
	Ohio	
	Oklahoma	
	Texas	
	Wisconsin	