

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 supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from the 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 contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

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 to 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, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

**Modification to General Wage
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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.

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically at no cost on the Government Printing Office site at (<http://www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon>). They are also available electronically by subscription to the Davis-Bacon Online Service (<http://davisbacon.fedworld.gov>) of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068. This subscription offers value-added features such as electronic delivery of modified wage decisions directly to the user's desktop, the ability to access prior wage decisions issued during the year, extensive Help desk Support, etc.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from:

Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 512-1800.

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 six 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 will be distributed to subscribers.

Signed in Washington, DC this 24th day of February, 2005.

John Frank,

Acting Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 05-03]

Notice of March 14, 2005 Millennium Challenge Corporation Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

TIME AND DATE: 1-3 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2005.

PLACE: Department of State, C Street Entrance, Washington, DC 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Joyce B. Lanham at Board@mcc.gov or 202-521-3600.

STATUS: Meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") will hold a quarterly meeting of the Board to discuss and consider a proposed Millennium Challenge Account ("MCA") Compact under the provisions of Section 605(a) of the Millennium Challenge Act, codified at 22 U.S.C. 7706(a); other information relating to Compact development efforts with other MCA-eligible countries; the MCC Threshold Program; and certain administrative matters. The meeting will be closed to the public because it is expected to involve the consideration of classified information and information relating to the internal personnel practices of MCC.

Dated: March 2, 2005.

Jon A. Dyck,

Vice President and General Counsel, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 05-02]

Interim Environmental Guidelines for Public Comment

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

SUMMARY: The purpose of these Guidelines is to help ensure that the projects undertaken as a part of the Millennium Challenge Compacts are environmentally sound, designed to operate in compliance with relevant regulatory requirements, and are not likely to cause a significant environmental health and safety hazard. In order to provide guidance to MCC eligible countries as they develop Compacts, MCC will use these procedures as interim Environmental Guidelines throughout the comment period.

Public Comment: For a ninety-day period beginning on the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Millennium Challenge Corporation will accept public comment on the interim Environmental Guidelines.

Contact Information: Public comments should be submitted through the MCC website at www.mcc.gov or in writing addressed to: Public Comment

on Environmental Guidelines, Millennium Challenge Corporation, P.O. Box 12825, Arlington, VA 22219-2825.

Environmental Guidelines

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Statement of Principles

The Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") recognizes that the pursuit of sustainable economic growth and a healthy environment are necessarily related. The purpose of these guidelines is to establish an environmental review process to ensure that the projects undertaken as part of programs funded under Millennium Challenge Compacts with eligible countries ("Compacts") are environmentally sound, are designed to operate in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, and, as required by the legislation establishing MCC, are not likely to cause a significant environmental, health, or safety hazard.¹

MCC is committed to program design that reflects the results of public participation in host countries during all phases of the program, integrating governmental interests with those of private business and civil society. In this spirit, MCC will work to ensure that the preparation of an environmental impact assessment will include consultation with affected parties.

Finally, MCC is committed to the principle of host-country ownership of a Compact proposal. Wherever appropriate, MCC will consider analyses, standards and norms of the host country. In addition, Compact projects should generally comply with relevant international environmental guidelines and requirements, including those that the host country is bound by under international agreements.

Sources of Policy; Applicability of Guidelines

The policies reflected in these guidelines are based, broadly speaking,

¹ Appendix A sets forth definitions of words and phrases used in these guidelines.