## U.S. Department of Labor

Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division Washington, D.C. 20210



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MEMORANDUM NO. 175

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CONTRACTING AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FROM:

MARIA ECHAVESTE

Administrator

SUBJECT:

New Format for SCA Wage Determinations

The Wage and Hour Division will soon begin to issue SCA wage determinations in a new format that will include nearly all standard occupations on a single wage determination rather than the current practice of issuing several different wage determinations broken down by various occupational groupings. This should reduce the need for Service Contract Act (SCA) conformance actions, and improve service to SCA wage determination customers.

For several years, SCA prevailing wage determinations were issued individually in eight occupational groupings, generally by occupational category of the "SCA Directory of Occupations." For example, if a Federal procurement agency noticed the Department of Labor that it was going to issue a solicitation that would require computer programmers and systems analysts, the Wage and Hour Division would issue the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Occupations wage determination for the area where the work was to take place. This wage determination included about 20 ADP occupations. If, on the other hand, the solicitation only required secretaries, Wage and Hour would issue the Administrative Support and Clerical Occupations wage determination, which provides prevailing rates for over 45 related clerical occupations.

Recent discussions with various contractors, Federal agency representatives, and union representatives have indicated that this process often leads to unnecessary work. Because Federal agencies may not be fully aware of all the occupations required for a given solicitation, the wage determination issued for a particular contract may not contain all of the occupations needed to complete performance of the contract. As a result, a

conformance action is needed to add the unlisted classification even though the Wage and Hour Division has issued a separate wage determination that includes the additional classification. Research into this issue indicates that as many as 90 percent of all conformance actions could be eliminated if rates for all standard occupations were routinely issued and incorporated in relevant service contracts.

Redesign of the wage determination format allows the inclusion of most standard occupations in no more than ten pages. Classifications will continue to be grouped within major occupational category. However, considering the large number of occupations that will now be included on most SCA wage determinations, it is extremely important that contractors carefully match the work which employees actually perform to corresponding occupational titles and definitions in the SCA Directory.

If the work of an employee is not encompassed by a Directory title/definition listed, the conformance process should be utilized to establish a new classification and wage. When evaluating the need for conformance, contractors must consider the principles outlined in section 4.152 of Regulations 29 CFR, Part 4, i.e., conformance may not be used to artificially split, combine, or subdivide classifications listed in the wage determination.

Questions concerning the new wage determination format should be directed to Dr. Alan Moss, Director, Division of Wage Determinations, at 202-219-7531.

Attachment

## A NOTE TO CONTRACTORS FROM THE

#### WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

This McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act (SCA) wage determination is being provided to you in a new and hopefully improved format. Rather than limiting the occupations listed to one group of associated classes, the prevailing wage and benefit rates are included for over 200 standard occupations. This should reduce your need for SCA conformance actions (adding occupations to established wage determinations), and improve service to our customers.

Redesign of the wage determination layout allows for inclusion of most standard occupations in about ten pages. Classifications will, however, continue to be listed within major occupational categories, as provided in the "Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations." Copies of that publication, which provides all standard titles and definitions, may be obtained from the U.S. Superintendent of Documents at (202) 783-3238. Alternatively, copies of standard job titles and definitions for those occupations to be used on the contract may be obtained from the appropriate agency Contracting Officer.

Considering the large number of occupations that are now included on most SCA wage determinations, it is extremely important that you match the work actually performed with the corresponding occupational titles and definitions in the SCA Directory. If the work of an employee is not encompassed by a Directory definition for a class listed on the wage determination, the conformance process should be utilized to establish a new classification and wage. When evaluating the need for conformance, remember that you may not artificially split, combine, or subdivide classifications listed in the wage determination.

Questions concerning the new wage determination format, or any ideas for improved customer service, should be directed by mail to Dr. Alan Moss, Director, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210 or by phone to Dr. Moss at (202) 219-7531.

REGISTER OF WAGE DETERMINATIONS UNDER THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210

Wage Determination No.: 94-0021

Issue Date: 04/12/1994

By direction of the Secretary of Labor

Alan L. Moss Director

Division of

Wage Determinations

State(s): Georgia

Area: GEORGIA COUNTIES OF BANKS, BARROW, BARTOW, BUTTS, CARROLL, CHATTOOGA, CHEROKEE, CLARKE, CLAYTON, COBB, COWETA, DAWSON, DE KALB, DOUGLAS, FANNIN, FAYETTE, FLOYD, FORSYTH, FRANKLIN, FULTON, GILMER, GORDON, GREENE, GWINNETT, HABERSHAM, HALL, HARALSON, HENRY, JACKSON, LUMPKIN, MADISON, MORGAN, MURRAY, NEWTON, OCONEE, OGLETHORPE, PAULDING, PICKENS, POLK, RABUN, ROCKDALE, SPALDING, STEPHENS, UNION, WALTON, WHITE, WHITFIELD.

> \*\* Fringe Benefits Required For All Occupations Of Service \*\* Employees Paid Under This Wage Determination Follow Occupational Listing

#### OCCUPATION CODE AND TITLE

## MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE

## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND CLERICAL:

01011	Accounting Clerk I	\$	7.93 9.26
01012	Accounting Clerk II	\$	9.26
	Accounting Clerk III	\$	10.98
	Accounting Clerk IV	\$	10.98 13.67
	Court Reporter	\$	10.50
	Dispatcher, Motor Vehicle	\$	11.56
	Document Preparation Clerk	\$	8.62
	Duplicating Machine Operator	\$	8.62
	Film/Tape Librarian	\$	9.74
701115	General Clerk I	\$	7.12
01116	General Clerk II	\$	8.60
01117	General Clerk III	\$	10.59
01118	General Clerk IV	\$	10.50 11.56 8.62 8.62 9.74 7.12 8.60 10.59 11.89 12.74 8.55 9.95 8.61 9.98 10.06
01120	Housing Referral Assistant	\$	12.74
	Key Entry Operator I	\$	8.55
01132	Key Entry Operator II	\$	9.95
01191	Order Clerk I	\$	8.61
01192	Order Clerk II	\$	9.98
01220	Order Filler	\$	10.06
01261	Personnel Assistant	\$	9.50
	(Employment) I		
01262	Personnel Assistant	\$	10.70
	(Employment) II		-
01263	Personnel Assistant	\$	11.68
	(Employment) III 1	•	
01264	Personnel Assistant	\$	13.12
	(Employment) IV	•	
01270	Production Control Clerk	\$	12.74

05280 Motor Vehicle Wrecker

05310 Painter, Automotive

\$ 13.55

0 (	Rental Clerk			\$ 9.74
	Scheduler, Maintenance			\$ 9.74 \$ 9.74
	Secretary I			\$ 9.74
	Secretary II			\$ 10.50
	Secretary III			\$ 12.74
	Secretary IV			\$ 14.21
	Secretary V			\$ 16.92
	Service Order Dispatcher			\$ 8.37
	Stenographer I			\$ 10.39
	Stenographer II			\$ 12.11
	Supply Technician	•		\$ 10.79
	Survey Worker (Interviewer)			\$ 10.50
	Switchboard Operator-			\$ 9.42
	Receptionist			.,
01531	Travel Clerk I			\$ 6.66
	Travel Clerk II			\$ 7.62
	Travel Clerk III			\$ 8.23
	Typist I			\$ 6.66 \$ 7.62 \$ 8.23 \$ 7.58 \$ 9.36
	Typist II		•	\$ 9.36
	Word Processor I	•		\$ 9.93
	Word Processor II			\$ 11.47
	Word Processor III			\$ 12.82
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MOTUL	TIC DATA PROCESSING:			
10	Computer Data Librarian			¢ 0.05
	Computer Operator I			\$ 8.95
	Computer Operator II			\$ 9.85
	Computer Operator III			\$ 11.65 \$ 14.83
	Computer Operator IV			\$ 14.03
	Computer Operator V			\$ 17.75
03073	Computer Programmer I 1/			\$ 14.51
03072	Computer Programmer II 1/			\$ 16.13
03072	Computer Programmer III 1/			\$ 18.10
	Computer Programmer IV 1/			\$ 20.84
	Computer Systems Analyst I 1/			\$ 20.84
	Computer Systems Analyst II 1/			\$ 23.54
	Computer Systems Analyst III 1/			\$ 26.86
	Peripheral Equipment Operator			\$ 20.00
00100	reripherar Equipment Operator			\$ 6.95
LUTOMOTU	TIVE SERVICE:			
05005	Automobile Dede D			<b>.</b>
05005	Automobile Body Repairer,			\$ 15.09
05010	Fiberglass			
	Automotive Glass Installer			\$ 13.55
	Automotive Worker			\$ 13.55
	Electrician, Automotive			\$ 14.81
05100	Mobile Equipment Servicer			\$ 12.00
05130	Motor Equipment Metal Mechanic			\$ 15.09
	Motor Equipment Metal Worker			\$ 13.55
	Motor Vehicle Mechanic			\$-15.09
	Motor Vehicle Mechanic Helper		•	\$ 11.22
050	Motor Vehicle Upholstery			\$ 13.29
0.555	Worker			_
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05340 Radiator Repair Specialist	\$ 13.55
05370 Tire Repairer	\$ 12.00
05400 Transmission Repair Specialist	\$ 15.09
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FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVICE:	
07010 Baker	\$ 9.80
07041 Cook I	\$ 8.68
07042 Cook II	\$ 9.80
07070 Dishwasher	\$ 6.12
07100 Food Service Worker	\$ 6.12
07130 Meat Cutter	\$ 9.80
07250 Waiter/Waitress	\$ 9.80 \$ 8.68 \$ 9.80 \$ 6.12 \$ 6.12 \$ 9.80 \$ 6.89
FURNITURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:	
09010 Electrostatic Spray Painter	\$ 14.33
09040 Furniture Handler	\$ 11.00
09070 Furniture Refinisher	\$ 14.33
09100 Furniture Refinisher Helper	\$ 14.33
09110 Furniture Repairer, Minor	\$ 11.22 \$ 12.77
09130 Upholsterer	\$ 14.33
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GENERAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT:	
11030 Cleaner, Vehicles	\$ 6.12 \$ 6.12 \$ 8.68 \$ 5.72 \$ 6.24 \$ 6.12 \$ 9.37 \$ 6.89 \$ 5.87 \$ 9.23 \$ 6.12
11060 Elevator Operator	\$ 6.12
11090 Gardener	\$ 8.68
11121 Housekeeping Aide I	\$ 5.72
11122 Housekeeping Aide II	\$ 6.24
11150 Janitor	\$ 6.12
11180 Laborer	\$ 9.37
11210 Laborer, Grounds Maintenance	\$ 6.89
11240 Maid or Houseman	\$ 5.87
11270 Pest Controller	\$ 9.23
11300 Refuse Collector	\$ 6.12
11360 Window Cleaner	\$ 6.89
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HEALTH:	
12010 Ambulance Driver	\$ 8.68 \$ 9.09 \$ 9.09 \$ 8.13 \$ 8.13 \$ 11.26 \$ 7.24 \$ 10.13 \$ 8.13
12040 Emergency Medical Technician	\$ 9.09
12070 Licensed Practical Nurse	\$ 9.09
12100 Medical Assistant	\$ 8.13
12130 Medical Laboratory Technician	\$ 8.13
12160 Medical Record Clerk	\$ 8.13
12190 Medical Record Technician	\$ 11.26
12220 Nursing Assistant	\$ 7.24
12250 Pharmacy Technician	\$ 10.13
12280 Phlebotomist	\$ 8.13
12311 Registered Nurse I	Y 11.20
12312 Registered Nurse II	\$ 13.77
12313 Registered Nurse II,	\$ 13.77
Specialist	
12314 Registered Nurse III	\$ 16.66

)5	Registered Nurse III, Anesthetist	\$	16.66	
12316	Registered Nurse IV	\$	19.97	
INFORMA	TION AND ARTS:			
13002	Audiovisual Librarian	\$	15.79	
13011	Exhibits Specialist I	\$	12.76	
	Exhibits Specialist II	\$	18.28	
	Exhibits Specialist III	\$	12.76 18.28 18.28	
	Illustrator I	Ş	12.76	
	Illustrator II	Ş	16.56	
	Illustrator III	Ş	18.28	
	Library Technician		11.65	
	Photographer I		10.82	
	Photographer III Photographer III	Ģ	12.76 16.56	
	Photographer IV		18.28	
	Photographer V		19.69	
13073	Thotographer	Ψ.	13.03	
LAUNDRY	Y, DRY CLEANING, PRESSING:			
15010	Assembler	\$	5.87	
15030	Counter Attendant	\$	5.87	
15040	Dry Cleaner	\$	7.62	
70	Finisher, Flatwork, Machine	\$	5.87	
∮0	Presser, Hand	\$	5.87	
	Presser, Machine, Dry Cleaning	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	5.87	
	Presser, Machine, Shirts	\$	5.87	
15160	Presser, Machine, Wearing	\$	5.87	
35300	Apparel, Laundry	٨	0 00	
	Sewing Machine Operator Tailor	<u>ې</u>	8.23 8.83	
	Washer, Machine	\$ \$ \$	6.66	
13230	washer, machine	¥	0.00	
MACHIN	E TOOL OPERATION AND REPAIR:			
19010	Machine-tool Operator	\$	14.33	
	(Toolroom)	•		
19040	Tool and Die Maker	\$	17.41	
'ATERI	ALS HANDLING AND PACKING:			
21010	Fuel Distribution System	\$	13.29	
01000	Operator	_	10 55	
	Material Coordinator	\$	12.77	
21040 71040	Material Expediter Material Handling Laborer	<b>ې</b>	14.//	
21040	Forklift Operator	٠ 5	12.77 9.37 11.22 11.38	
	Shipping/Receiving Clerk	٠ ج	11.38	
21130	Shipping Packer	Š	-11.38	
50	Stock Clerk	Š	11.38	
- 1	Tools and Parts Attendant	\$	11.38 11.22	
	Warehouse Specialist	\$	11.22	
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## MECHANICS AND MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:

	23010	Aircraft Mechanic	\$	15.09
	23040	Aircraft Mechanic Helper		11.22
	23060	Aircraft Servicer	Ċ	10 77
	23070	Aircraft Worker	Š	13.55
		Appliance Mechanic	Š	13.55 14.39 12.00 15.09 14.33 13.55
		Bicycle Repairer	Š	12 00
		Cable Splicer	Š	15 00
		Carpenter, Maintenance	ç	14 22
		Carpet Layer	4	19 55
		Electrician, Maintenance	<u>ې</u>	13.33
		Electronics Technician,	Ş	15.09
	23101	Maintenance I	Þ	12.25
	22102	Electronics Technician,		
	23102	Maintenance II	Ş	17.31
	22102	Electronics Technician,		
	23103		Ş	19.85
	22260	Maintenance III		
		Fabric Worker	Ş	12.77
		Fire Alarm System Mechanic	Ş	15.09
		Fire Extinguisher Repairer	Ş	12.52
	23340	Fuel Distribution System	\$	15.09
		Mechanic		
		General Maintenance Worker		13.55
	23400	Heating, Refrigeration and Air	\$	15.09
		Conditioning Mechanic		
		Heavy Equipment Mechanic	\$	15.09
		Instrument Mechanic	\$	15.09
		Locksmith	\$	14.33
		Machinery Maintenance Mechanic	\$	15.09 14.33 15.09 15.09 11.22 15.09 14.33 14.33 14.33
		Machinist, Maintenance	\$	15.09
	23580	Maintenance Trades Helper	\$	11.22
	23640	Millwright	\$	15.09
	23700	Office Appliance Repairer	Ś	14.33
	23740	Painter, Aircraft	Ś	14.33
		Painter, Maintenance	Š	14.33
•		Pipefitter, Maintenance	Š	15.09
		Plumber, Maintenance	Š	14.33
		Pneudraulic Systems Mechanic		15.09
		Rigger		15.09
		Scale Mechanic	č	13.55
		Sheet-metal Worker,	č	15.09
		Maintenance	Y	13.09
	23910	Small Engine Mechanic	ċ	13.55
		Telecommunications Mechanic I	ې خ	15.00
		Telecomunications Mechanic II	ą	15.09 15.85 15.09
		Telephone Lineman	ş	15.00
		Welder, Combination,	Ş	15.09
	22700	Maintenance	\$	15.09
	23065	Well Driller		3 F 00
		Woodcraft Worker	-	15.09
		Man described		15.09
	23300	woodworker	Ş	13.29

#### PERSONAL NEEDS: 24570 Child Care Attendant 5.66 24600 Chore Aide 5.35 24630 Homemaker 7.84 PLANT AND SYSTEM OPERATION: 25010 Boiler Tender \$ 15.09 25040 Sewage Plant Operator \$ 14.33 \$ 15.09 25070 Stationary Engineer \$ 11.22 25190 Ventilation Equipment Tender \$ 14.33 25210 Water Treatment Plant Operator PROTECTIVE SERVICE: 27004 Alarm Monitor 8.91 27010 Court Security Officer 9.73 27040 Detention Officer 9.73 27070 Firefighter 9.43 27101 Guard I 6.25 27102 Guard II 8.91 27130 Police Officer 11.82 WICAL: 29010 Air Traffic Control 2/ \$ 21.67 Specialist, Center 29011 Air Traffic Control 2/ \$ 14.94 Specialist, Station 29012 Air Traffic Control 2/ \$ 16.46 Specialist, Terminal 29020 Archeological Technician \$ 15.79 29030 Cartographic Technician \$ 15.79 \$ 15.79 29040 Civil Engineering Technician 29061 Drafter I 9.61 729062 Drafter II \$ 10.82 29063 Drafter III \$ 12.76 29064 Drafter IV \$ 16.56 29070 Embalmer \$ 16.03 \$ 10.15 29081 Engineering Technician I \$ 11.40 29082 Engineering Technician II 29083 Engineering Technician III \$ 12.74 \$ 15.79 29084 Engineering Technician IV \$ 19.30 29085 Engineering Technician V \$ 23.36 29086 Engineering Technician VI \$ 15.79 29090 Environmental Technician 29210 Laboratory Technician \$ 14.83 29240 Mathematical Technician \$ 15.79 30 Mortician \$-16.03 0 Photooptics Technician \$ 15.79 22480 Technical Writer \$ 17.75 29620 Weather Observer, Senior 3/ 16.13 29621 Weather Observer, Combined 3/ 14.83

Upper Air and Surface Programs

29622 Weather Observer, Upper Air 3/

\$ 14.83

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TRANSPO	ORTATION/MOBILE EQUIPMENT				·
	Bus Driver Driver Messenger			\$ 9.23	
	Heavy Equipment Operator	•		\$ 8.05	
	Shuttle Bus Driver			\$ 15.09	
	Taxi Driver			\$ 15.09 \$ 8.05 \$ 8.11 \$ 8.05 \$ 9.23 \$ 10.63	
	Truckdriver, Light Truck			\$ 8.11	
31362	Truckdriver, Medium Truck			\$ 0.05	
31363	Truckdriver, Heavy Truck			\$ 10.63	
36364	Truckdriver, Tractor-Trailer			\$ 11.60	
MISCEL	LANEOUS:				٠
99005	Aircraft Quality Control			\$ 15.85	
	Inspector			,	
	Animal Caretaker			\$ 7.51	
	Cashier		*	\$ 5.87	
	Child Care Center Clerk			\$ 7.05	
	Desk Clerk	•	•	\$ 5.87	
	Instructor			\$ 15.79	•
	Lifeguard	•		\$ 5.04	
	Park Attendant (Aide)			\$ 6.33	
99400	Photofinishing Worker	•		\$ 5.66	
	Recreation Specialist	•		\$ 8.35	
	Recycling Worker			\$ 8.11	
	Sales Clerk	•		<b>\$</b> 5.04	
	Sports Official Survey Party Chief			\$ 5.04	
	Surveying Technician	•		\$ 8.68	
	Surveying Aide			\$ 7.05	
99690	Swimming Pool Operator			\$ 4.62	
99720	Vending Machine Attendant			\$ 7.51 5.87 7.05 \$ 5.87 \$ 5.04 \$ 6.33 \$ 6.33 \$ 8.35 \$ 9.80 \$ 9.80 \$ 9.80 \$ 9.80	
	Vending Machine Repairer	,	•	\$ 8.11	
	Vending Machine Repairer			\$ 9.80	•
32.10	Helper		•	\$ 8.11	
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# \*\* FRINGE BENEFITS REQUIRED FOR ALL OCCUPATIONS OF SERVICE EMPLOYEES \*\* PAID UNDER THIS WAGE DETERMINATION

HEALTH & WELFARE: \$0.89 per hour or \$35.60 per week or \$154.26 per month.

VACATION: 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year of service with a contractor or successor; 3 weeks after 8 years. Length of service includes the whole span of continuous service with the present (successor) contractor, wherever employed, and with predecessor contractors in the performance of similar work at the same Federal

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facility. (See 29 CFR 4.173)

HOLIDAYS: Minimum of ten paid holidays per year: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. (A contractor may substitute for any of the named holidays another day off with pay in accordance with a plan

communicated to the employees involved.)

Does not apply to employees employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity as defined and delineated in 29 CFR 541. (See 29 CFR 4.156)

NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL: An employee is entitled to pay for all work performed between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. at the rate of basic pay plus a night pay differential amounting to 10 percent of the rate of basic pay.

NIGHT PAY & SUNDAY PAY: If you work at night as a part of a regular tour of duty, you will earn a NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL and receive an additional 10% of basic pay for any hours worked between 6pm and 6am. If you are a full-time employee (40 hours a week) and Sunday is part of your regularly scheduled workweek, you are paid at your rate of basic pay plus a Sunday premium of 25% of your basic rate for each hour of Sunday work which is not overtime (i.e. occasional work on Sunday outside the normal tour of duty is considered overtime work).

## \*\* UNIFORM ALLOWANCE \*\*

If employees are required to wear uniforms in the performance of this contract (either by the terms of the Government contract, by the employer, by the state or local law, etc.), the cost of furnishing such uniforms and maintaining (by laundering or dry cleaning) such uniforms is an expense that may not be borne by an employee where such cost reduces the hourly rate below that required by the wage determination. The Department of Labor will accept payment in accordance with the following standards as compliance:

The contractor or subcontractor is required to furnish all employees with an adequate number of uniforms without cost or to reimburse employees for the actual cost of the uniforms. In addition, where uniform cleaning and maintenance is made the responsibility of the employee, all contractors and subcontractors subject to this wage determination shall (in the absence of a bona fide collective bargaining agreement providing for a different amount, or the furnishing of contrary affirmative proof as to the actual cost), reimburse all employees for such cleaning and maintenance at a rate of \$4.25 per week (or \$.85 cents per day). However, in those instances where the uniforms furnished are made

of "wash and wear" materials, may be routinely washed and dried with other personal garments, and do not require any special treatment such as dry cleaning, daily washing, or commercial laundering in order to meet the cleanliness or appearance standards set by the terms of the Government contract, by the contractor, by law, or by the nature of the work, there is no requirement that employees be reimbursed for uniform maintenance costs.

## \*\* NOTES APPLYING TO THIS WAGE DETERMINATION \*\*

Source of Occupational Titles and Descriptions:

The duties of employees under job titles listed are those described in the "Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations," Fourth Edition, January 1993, unless otherwise indicated. publication may be obtained from the U.S. Superintendent of Documents, at 202-783-3238. Copies of specific job descriptions may also be obtained from the appropriate Contracting Officer.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE RATE {Standard Form 1444 (SF 1444)}

## Conformance Process:

The contracting officer shall require that any class of service employee which is not listed herein and which is to be employed under the contract (i.e., the work to be performed is not performed by any classification listed in the wage determination), be classified by the contractor so as to provide a reasonable relationship (i.e., appropriate level of skill comparison) between such unlisted classifications and the classifications listed in the wage determination. Such conformed classes of employees shall be paid the monetary wages and furnished the fringe benefits as are determined. Such conforming process shall be initiated by the contractor prior to the performance of contract work by such unlisted class(es) of employees. When multiple wage determinations are included in a contract, a separate SF 1444 should be prepared for each wage determination to which a class(es) is to be conformed.

The process for preparing a conformance request is as follows:

- 1) When preparing the bid, the contractor identifies the need for a conformed occupation(s) and computes a proposed rate(s).
- 2) After contract award, the contractor prepares a written report listing in order proposed classification title(s), a Federal grade equivalency (FGE) for each proposed classification(s), job description(s), and rationale for proposed wage rate(s), including information regarding the agreement or disagreement of the authorized representative of the employees involved, or where there is no authorized representative, the employees themselves. report should be submitted to the contracting officer no later than

- 30 days after such unlisted class(es) of employees performs any contract work.
- 3) The contracting officer reviews the proposed action and promptly submits a report of the action, together with the agencies recommendations and pertinent information including the position of the contractor and the employees, to the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, for review. (See section 4.6(b)(2) of Regulations 29 CFR Part 4).
- 4) Within 30 days of receipt, the Wage and Hour Division approves, modifies, or disapproves the action via transmittal to the agency contracting officer, or notifies the contracting officer that additional time will be required to process the request.
- 5) The contracting officer transmits the Wage and Hour decision to the contractor.
- 6) The contractor informs the affected employees.

Information required by the Regulations must be submitted on SF 1444 or bond paper.

When preparing a conformance request, the "Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations" (the Directory) should be used to compare job definitions to insure that duties requested are not performed by a classification already listed on the wage determination. Remember, it is not the job title, but the required tasks that determine whether a class is included in an established wage determination. Conformances may not be used to artificially split, combine, or subdivide classifications listed in the wage determination.