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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CONTRACTING AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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SUBJECT: 1993 Edition of General Wage Determinations
Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts

The 1993 edition of General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts (GWD) will be issued on February 19, 1993. Due to shipping problems, we anticipate that some subscribers will be affected by delays in the mailing of this document and of Transmittal No. 1, also dated February 19, 1993, which contains the first set of modifications to the 1993 edition of the GWD. Therefore, legal notice of the publication of this document and of modifications contained in Transmittal No. 1 will appear in the Federal Register dated February 26, 1993.

If you receive your copy of the basic volume(s) of the 1993 edition prior to February 26, remember that the effective date of a GWD is the date of publication (as noticed in the Federal Register), or the date of receipt, whichever occurs first. (See Regulations, 29 CFR Part 1, section 1.6(c)(3)(v)).

Please also note that modifications to certain 1993 wage determinations have already been issued in Transmittal Nos. 103 and 104 of the 1991 edition. These modifications were issued after the 1993 edition basic volumes had already gone to print. They are also dated February 19, 1993, as they modify wage determinations contained in the 1993 edition of the GWD. However, they were noticed in the Federal Register on February 5 and February 12. They also took effect on the date of notice in the Federal Register or upon date of receipt, whichever was earlier. These 1993 edition modifications issued prior to February 26, as a part of the 1991 edition, will also be reissued in Transmittal No. 1 to the 1993 edition, the first update transmittal to the new basic volumes of the 1993 edition.

This publication contains over 800 general wage determinations. All of the general wage determinations in this edition of the GWD were prepared utilizing a new computerized Davis-Bacon Wage Determination Generation System (WDGS).

The WDGS system is designed to enhance the capacity of the Wage and Hour Division to produce and modify Davis-Bacon general wage determinations in a timely manner. This is a matter of the utmost concern to workers and contractors subject to the prevailing wage protection of the Davis-Bacon and related Acts.

The new format of the wage determinations produced by the WDGS includes several features to assist interested parties in understanding the bases of wage rates that have been determined to be prevailing by the U.S. Department of Labor:

- o Beginning in 1993, when new wage rates are issued as a result of new prevailing wage surveys, the survey implementation dates will be provided.
- o Where the union rate is determined to be prevailing for a classification, the ID for the local union that bargained the rate is listed for the relevant classification, and the date the rate was bargained to take effect is provided.

The automated process by which the classifications and wage rates are compiled to produce a wage determination requires general wage determinations to be reprinted in their entirety when they are modified. As has been done in the past, when wage determination modifications are issued, asterisks will be used to indicate the classifications in a wage determination affected by wage rate updates or other changes.