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ALL REAL PROPERTY LEASING ACTIVITIES
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SUBJECT: Davis-Bacon Act and the Acquisition of Leasehold Interests in Real Property

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. This acquisition letter establishes procedures for the implementation of the Davis-Bacon Act in the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property.
- 2. Background.
 - a. In a 1988 opinion, the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) at the Department of Justice (DOJ) concluded that the plain language of the Davis-Bacon Act bars its application to any lease contract, whether or not the lease contract also calls for construction of a public work or public building. The OLC opinion arose out of a dispute between the Veterans Administration and the Department of Labor (DOL) regarding whether a contract with a developer for the long-term lease of space for use as a VA health clinic, in a building that the developer would build to house the clinic was subject to the Act. The DOL Wage Appeals Board (WAB) ruled the Act applied to the contract. The VA disagreed and asked DOJ to resolve the dispute. The AFL-CIO sought a court judgment to compel the VA to comply with the DOL's decision. The result was a court determination that the WAB decision was a reasonable interpretation of ambiguous language in the Act and an OLC ruling that the WAB decision conflicted with the plain language of the Act. The DOJ did not appeal the case because of the confused procedural posture it presented, but instructed the DOL to comply with the reasoning of the OLC opinion in future cases.
 - b. In a May 23, 1994, opinion, the OLC concluded that the 1988 opinion erred in concluding that the plain language of the Davis-Bacon Act bars its application to any lease contract, whether or not the lease contract also calls for construction of a public work or public building. OLC now believes that the applicability of the Davis-Bacon Act to any specific lease contract can be determined only by considering the facts of the particular contract. OLC indicated that the plain language would seem to require only that there be a contract and that one of the things required by the contract be construction of a public work. OLC stated in its opinion that, in general, the determination whether a lease-construction contract calls for construction of a public building or public work likely will depend on the details of the particular agreement. These may include such factors as the length of the lease, the extent of government involvement in the construction project, the extent to which the construction will be fully paid for by the lease payments, and whether the contract is written as a lease contract solely to evade the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act.
 - c. By memorandum to all contracting agencies dated June 22, 1994, the Administrator of the Employment Standards Administration, DOL, instructed agencies to comply with the lie May 23, 1994, OLC opinion.

3. <u>Effective Date/Expiration Date.</u>

- a. Subject to the criteria prescribed in Paragraph 6, these procedures are effective for solicitations for offers (SFOs) having closing dates for receipt of proposals or best and final offers on or after June 22, 1994.
- b. This acquisition letter will expire in 12 months, unless otherwise extended or cancelled.
- 4. <u>Cancellation</u>. None.
- 5. <u>Applicability</u>. All real property leasing activities.
- 6. <u>Instructions/Procedures</u>.
 - a. <u>SFO Paragraph</u>. Contracting Officers shall include the paragraph entitled "Labor Standards (AUG 1994)" (Attachment 1) in standard and small lease SFOs when the delivery schedules of such SFOs are long enough to permit satisfaction of the SFO requirements through construction of a building.
 - b. <u>Miscellaneous Labor Clauses</u>. Contracting Officers shall include the clauses set forth in in the attachment entitled "Miscellaneous Labor Clauses" (Attachment 2) in SFOs which include the "Labor Standards (AUG 1994)" paragraph prescribed above in paragraph "a." a."
 - c. <u>Wage Determinations</u>. Contracting Officers shall include a copy of the appropriate Department of Labor wage determination for the applicable geographical area in SFOs which include the "Labor Standards (AUG 1994)" paragraph prescribed above in paragraph "a" and the "Miscellaneous Labor Clauses" prescribed in paragraph "b."

Contracting Officers should review FAR 22.404 through 22.404-11 for information and instructions on Davis-Bacon Act wage determinations including information on the types of wage determinations, procedures for requesting wage determinations, modifications of wage determinations, etc. It is important to note that general wage determinations are published weekly in a Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts." The wage determination selected and incorporated into an SFO may change before the contract is t is awarded. Modifications to general wage determinations are effective upon publication n and SFOs must be amended to reflect the modified wage determination if an award has not been made. Therefore, Contracting Officers should check to be sure the wage determination in the SFO is current before requesting best and final offers. If it has been been modified, the modified wage determination should be included by amendment to the SFO when requesting best and final offers.

In addition to using the GPO publication, Contracting Officers may obtain general wage ge determinations by accessing the GSA Acquisition Information Network bulletin board on (816)926-3387.

d. Regions may update the August 1994 CD-ROM SFOs to reflect these paragraph additions by following procedures identified in the Standard SFO Workbook. The "Labor abor Standards" paragraph and the "Miscellaneous Labor Clauses" shall be included at the end of the SFO section entitled "Summary" and "Miscellaneous," respectively. The CD-ROM version to be issued in February 1995 will include these paragraph additions.

- e. The "Labor Standards" paragraph and the "Miscellaneous Labor Clauses" will be provided, in the form of a floppy disk, under separate cover to GSA Real Estate activities and other Federal agencies upon request.
- f. Additional guidance concerning contract administration matters will be forthcoming.ing.

Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1

LABOR STANDARDS (AUG 1994)

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If an offeror proposes to satisfy the requirements of this Solicitation for Offers through the construction of a new building or the complete rehabilitation or reconstruction of an existing building, and where the Government will be the sole or predominant tenant such that any other use of the building will be functionally or quantitatively incidental to the Government's use and occupancy, the following Federal Acquisition Regulation clauses shall apply to work performed in preparation for occupancy and use of the building by the United States:

52.222-4 Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act - Overtime Compensation

52.222-6 Davis-Bacon Act

- 52.222-7 Withholding of Funds
- 52.222-8 Payrolls and Basic Records
- 52.222-9 Apprentices and Trainees
- 52.222-10 Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements
- 52.222-11 Subcontracts (Labor Standards)
- 52.222-12 Contract Termination-Debarment
- 52.222-13 Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act Regulations
- 52.222-14 Disputes Concerning Labor Standards
- 52.222-15 Certification of Eligibility

MISCELLANEOUS LABOR CLAUSES

1. 52.222-4 CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT-OVERTIME COMPENSATION (MAR 1986)

- (a) Overtime requirements. No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics (see Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 22.300) shall require or permit any such laborers or mechanics in any workweek in which the individual is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 10 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than 1 ½ times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.
- (b) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, ^m, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall ^{all} be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic employed in violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause.
- (c) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The Contracting Officer shall upon his or her own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same Prime Contractor, or any other Federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act which is held by the same Prime Contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the provisions set forth in paragraph (b) of this clause.
- (d) Payrolls and basic records.
 - (1) The Contractor or subcontractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of contract work and shall preserve them for a period of 3 years from the completion of the contract for all laborers and mechanics working on the contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid. Nothing in this paragraph shall require the duplication of records required to be maintained for construction work by Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3) implementing the Davis-Bacon Act.
 - (2) The records to be maintained under paragraph (d)(1) of this clause shall be made available by the Contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Contracting Officer or the Department of Labor. The Contractor or subcontractor shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.
- (e) Subcontracts. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this clause and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these provisions in any lower tier subcontracts. The Prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this clause.

2. 52.222-6 DAVIS-BACON ACT (NOV 1992)

All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work will be paid unconditionally and not less often than (a) once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR Part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Contractor and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (d) of this clause; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid not less than the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits in the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in the clause entitled Apprentices and Trainees. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein; provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is

performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph (b) of this clause) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

- (b) (1) The Contracting Officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The Contracting Officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefor only when all the following criteria have been met:
 - (i) Except with respect to helpers, as defined in Section 22.401 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination.
 - (ii) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry.
 - (iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.
 - (iv) With respect to helpers, such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.
 - (2) If the Contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the Contracting Officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator or an authorized representative will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.
 - (3) In the event the Contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification, or their representatives, and the Contracting Officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the Contracting Officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the Contracting Officer, to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the Contracting Officer or will notify the Contracting Officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.
 - (4) The wage rate (including fringe benefits, where appropriate) determined pursuant to subparagraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this clause shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.
- (c) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the Contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.
- (d) If the Contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the Contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program; *provided*, that the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the Contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the Contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

3. 52.222-7 WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS (FEB 1988)

The Contracting Officer shall, upon his or her own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the Contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same Prime Contractor, or any other Federally assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same Prime Contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the Contract or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the Contracting Officer may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

52.222-8 PAYROLLS AND BASIC RECORDS (FEB 1988)

(a) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the Contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of 3 years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found, under paragraph (d) of the clause entitled Davis-Bacon Act, that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the Contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

- (b) (1) The Contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the Contracting Officer. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under paragraph (a) of this clause. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 (Federal Stock Number 029-005-00014-1) is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. The Prime Contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors.
 - (2) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the Contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify—
 - (i) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under paragraph (a) of this clause and that such information is correct and complete;
 - (ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in the Regulations, 29 CFR Part 3; and
 - (iii) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.
 - (3) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by subparagraph (b)(2) of this clause.
 - (4) The falsification of any of the certifications in this clause may subject the Contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under Section 1001 of Title 18 and Section 3729 of Title 31 of the United States Code.
- (c) The Contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph (a) of this clause available for inspection, copying, or transcription by the Contracting Officer or authorized representatives of the Contracting Officer or the Department of Labor. The Contractor or subcontractor shall permit the Contracting Officer or representatives of the Contracting Officer or the Department of Labor to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Contractor or subcontractor fails to submit required records or to make them available, the Contracting Officer may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

5. 52.222-9 APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES (FEB 1988)

Apprentices. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when (a) they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the Contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated in this paragraph, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the Contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate

specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of ovisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines rmines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that h that determination. In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the ed by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the Contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at entices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

- Trainees. Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for (b) the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment mployment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed in the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate in the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate in the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job n the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate in the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the Contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.
- Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees, and journeymen under this clause shall be in (C) conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR Part 30

52.222-10 COMPLIANCE WITH COPELAND ACT REQUIREMENTS (FEB 1988) 6.

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 3, which are hereby incorporated by reference in this contract. ct.

7. 52.222-11 SUBCONTRACTS (LABOR STANDARDS) (FEB 1988)

- The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses entitled Davis-Bacon Act, Contract Work Hours (a) and Safety Standards Act---Overtime Compensation, Apprentices and Trainees, Payrolls and Basic Records, Compliance е with Copeland Act Requirements, Withholding of Funds, Subcontracts (Labor Standards), Contract Termination—Debarment, Disputes Concerning Labor Standards, Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act Regulations, and Certification of Eligibility, and such other clauses as the Contracting Officer may, by appropriate instructions, require, and also a clause requiring subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The ontracts. The Prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract ontract clauses cited in this paragraph
- Within 14 days after award of the contract, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer a completed (b) (1) ted Statement and Acknowledgment Form (SF 1413) for each subcontract, including the subcontractor's signed and dated acknowledgment that the clauses set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause have been included in the subcontract. subcontract.
 - Within 14 days after the award of any subsequently awarded subcontract the Contractor shall deliver to the (2)the Contracting Officer an updated completed SF 1413 for such additional subcontract.

8. 52.222-12 CONTRACT TERMINATION DEBARMENT (FEB 1988)

A breach of the contract clauses entitled Davis-Bacon Act, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act-Overtime Compensation, Apprentices and Trainees, Payrolis and Basic Records, Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements, Subcontracts (Labor Standards), Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act Regulations, or Certification of Eligibility may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a Contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12. 12.

52.222-13 COMPLIANCE WITH DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT REGULATIONS (FEB 1988) 9.

All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, and 5 are hereby incorporated by reference in this contract.

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10. 52.222-14 DISPUTES CONCERNING LABOR STANDARDS (FEB 1988)

The United States Department of Labor has set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6, and 7 procedures for resolving disputes concerning labor standards requirements. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with those procedures and not the disputes clause of this contract. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

11. 52.222-15 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY (FEB 1988)

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- (a) By entering into this contract, the Contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the Contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
- (b) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
- (c) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.