

FACT SHEET #6 – TYPES OF WAGE DETERMINATIONS

DAVIS-BACON PROVISIONS FOR CLEAN AND DRINKING WATER SRF PROJECTS

Overview of wage decisions, effective dates, and types of construction covered.

A project Consulting Engineer must request a Davis-Bacon wage determination from the WID Construction Section ([Roger Bergeron](#)) by e-mailing, faxing or mailing a completed SF 1444 found on the WID Construction Section [website](#).

WID Construction Section obtains the wage determination from the Department of Labor based on a description of the project and sends it directly to the Consulting Engineer and project Owner via e-mail. The Consulting Engineer will insert the wage determination in the bid specs or as an addendum.

VERMONT SRF WAGE DETERMINATIONS: The Vermont Clean and Drinking Water SRF programs generally use the Heavy (water and sewer) and Building wage determination for water infrastructure projects.

WAGE DECISION “LOCK-IN” DATE: The published wage decision “locks-in” for a project on the formal bid opening date as long as the construction contract is awarded within 90 days.

- If construction begins prior to a formal bid opening or the contract award date, the date that construction began locks in the rates. If the construction contract isn’t awarded within 90 days of the formal bid, the date the construction contract is awarded is the lock-in date.
- If there is no formal bid opening, the date the construction contract is signed is the lock-in date.

GENERAL WAGE DETERMINATIONS: Rates are determined by DOL to be prevailing in a specific geographic area for the type of construction described. General wage decisions, modifications and supersede as decisions contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the [Federal Register](#).

MODIFICATIONS: Modifications of project and general wage determinations are issued to update only some data in the original determination.

- If the Department of Labor modifies or supersedes the wage determination being used less than 10 days prior to the bid opening date there is not reasonable time still available before bid opening to notify bidders of the modification. The wage determination in the contract documents will remain unchanged.
- If a contract has not been awarded within 90 days after bid opening, modifications to a general wage determination in the contract prior to award shall be effective with respect to that contract.

SUPERSEDE AS WAGE DETERMINATIONS: Usually issued annually to replace entire general decisions issued in the previous edition of the publication entitled [General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis- Bacon and Related Acts](#). See also for more information: <http://www.wdol.gov/>