



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Davis-Bacon & Labor Standards

DBLS Notice 2018-02

Subject: Frequency of Issuance of Prevailing Maintenance Wage Rates determined or adopted by HUD

Date: October 15, 2018

Purpose

To give notice to public housing authorities (PHAs), tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs), and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) of a schedule change in the process for issuing prevailing maintenance wage rates as determined or adopted by HUD.

Background

In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 USC 1437j), Section 104 (b) and 805 (b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4114 (b) and 25 U.S.C. 4225(b)), the HUD Office of Davis-Bacon and Labor Standards (DBLS) determines the minimum wage rates payable for all maintenance laborers and mechanics performing maintenance work at low-income housing projects operated by PHAs, TDHEs, and DHHL. This includes the minimum wage rates payable under any contracts entered into for maintenance services.

Change in Policy

Maintenance wage rate determinations (MWDs) will no longer be issued every year at the beginning of the PHAs/TDHEs/DHHL fiscal year. Effective immediately, MWDs will be issued by DBLS staff every two years (e.g., for a PHA or TDHE or DHHL whose fiscal year starts January 1, 2019 the MWD rates will be effective January 1, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2020).

DBLS staff will continue to follow all other procedures outlined in Chapter 8 of HUD Office of the Secretary Handbook 1344.1, Rev 2, *Federal Labor Standards Requirements in Housing and Urban Development Programs*, when determining or adopting maintenance wage rates.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to HUD's Regional DBLS staff with jurisdiction in your area. A list of Labor Standards contacts is available on our national webpage.

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