



OFFICE OF FIELD POLICY
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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Special Attention of:

Office of Davis-Bacon and Labor Standards
Regional and Field Staff
Office of Public Housing Regional and Office
Directors;
Public Housing Agencies;
Office of Native American Programs
Administrators;
Tribes; Tribally Designated Housing Entities;
Indian Housing Authorities
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

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Expires: This notice remains effective until
amended, superseded, or
rescinded.

Cross References: U.S. Housing Act of
1937, as amended; Native American Housing
Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
1996, as amended; HUD Handbook 1344.1,
REV-2

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

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 years 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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