

Contractor's Guide message:

Message from the Secretary

Construction workers that are employed on many HUD-assisted projects are entitled to prevailing wage rates under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. These men and women who work to improve our communities and increase affordable housing in America not only deserve fair compensation — they have a legal right to receive prevailing wage rates. HUD takes seriously its responsibility to ensure that these rights are protected and enforced.

This Contractor's Guide, *Davis-Bacon Labor Standards*, has been designed to support employer compliance and ensure that every contractor who does business with HUD understands how they can uphold their responsibilities. It describes Davis-Bacon wage and reporting requirements and what construction employers must do to meet them. The Guide also explains what construction employers can expect from HUD, and reflects the results of HUD's Davis-Bacon Streamlining Initiative allowing our staff and our customers to focus less on paperwork and more on the people they serve.

I am pleased to offer HUD's partners the most up-to-date information on Davis-Bacon compliance. For any further questions or concerns, I urge you to contact your area's HUD Labor Relations staff who will work to assist you in any way they can.

As always, we welcome your input and thank you for your work supporting affordable housing and sustainable communities for all.

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