

## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS WAGE RATE DECISION**

The wage rate decision of the Department of Labor which has been incorporated in these advertised specifications is incomplete in that the classifications may be omitted from the Department of Labor's decision.

Since the bidder is responsible, independently, for ascertaining area practice with respect to the necessity, or lack of necessity, for the use of these classifications in the prosecution of the work contemplated by this project, no inference may be drawn from the omission of these classifications concerning prevailing area practices relative to their use. Further, this omission will not, per se, be construed as establishing any governmental liability for increased labor cost if it is subsequently determined that such classifications are required.

There may be omissions and/or errors in the federal wage rates. The bidder is responsible for evaluating and determining the correct applicable rate.

If a project includes multiple types of construction (highway, bridge over navigable water, sanitary sewer and water main, building) and there is not a separate wage determination for this type of work included in the proposal, use the wage determination that is in the proposal.

If a project includes multiple types of construction, different wage rate determinations may be inserted into the contract (WI10/Highway = in all WisDOT highway contracts, WI15/Heavy = bridge over navigable water per USDOL and US Coast Guard designation, WI8/Heavy (Sewer & Water Line & Tunnel) = sanitary sewer and water main if the cost is more than 20% of the contract and/or at least \$1,000,000, and Building). If multiple wage rate determinations are inserted into the contract, use the classification in the wage determination for the work being done. Use WI15 wage rates when working on the bridge and/or structure from bank to bank. Use WI8 wage rates when working on any sanitary sewer or water main work. Use Building wage rates for all work done within the footprint of the building. Use WI10 wage rates for all other highway work in the contract and approaches to structures. For example, if a laborer is working within the footprint of a building, use the Laborer rate in the Building wage determination inserted in the contract. If a laborer is working on a bridge/structure within the banks, use the Laborer rate in the WI15/Heavy wage determination if inserted in the contract. If the laborer is working on the highway, use the Laborer rate in the WI10/Highway wage determination.