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DAVIS-BACON WAGE DETERMINATIONS NOW ONLINE AT *GPO ACCESS* FREE OF CHARGE

The database containing *Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts* is now available without charge on ***GPO Access*** at: www.gpo.gov/davisbacon. A co-operative project of the U. S. Government Printing Office and the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor, the new database, which went live on March 2, includes the new annual issuance of the recompiled Wage Determination dataset. This dataset of more than 1,600 Wage Determinations will be updated weekly, as new and modified Determinations are issued by the Wage and Hour Division.

The *Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations* Web site on ***GPO Access*** gives users the choice of browsing all Determinations by State or searching the full database. Users who choose to browse by State are directed to a table that shows the Wage Determinations by county, and then by type of construction (highway, heavy, building, and residential). Users who choose to search the full database can target their searches by State, by construction type, and by date. There is also the option of searching by Wage Determination number.

Regardless of the method used to select a determination, it will be displayed to the user full-text, as provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, in HTML (HyperText Markup Language) format. This provides for rapid searching, fast screen views, and quick printing.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires that each contract over \$2,000 to which the United States or the District of Columbia is a party for the construction, alteration, or repair of public buildings or public works contain a clause setting forth the minimum wages to be paid to various classes of laborers and mechanics employed under the contract. Contractors and subcontractors are required to pay workers employed directly on the site of the work no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits paid on projects of a similar character. Under the Act, the **GPO Access** (www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess) is the awarding-winning online service of the U.S. Government Printing Office. **GPO Access** now averages 26 million document downloads each month, for a total of 1.3 terabytes of information. **GPO Access** is unusual among Government Web sites in that it offers hosting and development services to other Government agencies. At present, **GPO Access** hosts the official Web sites of 16 Government agencies. In addition, it hosts a number of individual publications and databases at the request of other Government agencies. Another special aspect of **GPO Access** is its commitment to permanent public access; information provided through **GPO Access** will continue to be made available in perpetuity.

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