

PREVAILING WAGE PROVISIONS
(LABOR STANDARDS)

1. **Applicability.** These Prevailing Wage Provisions (hereinafter referred to as "Labor Standards") apply to any and all contracts for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair, or maintenance of public facilities or improvements.

2. **All Contracts and Subcontracts for construction and construction-related improvements shall contain the Labor Standards.**
 - (a) All specifications relating to the construction of the improvements shall contain these Labor Standards and the Contractor shall have the responsibility to assure that all contracts and subcontracts, regardless of tier, incorporate by reference the specifications containing these Labor Standards. If for any reason said Labor Standards are not included, the Labor Standards shall nevertheless apply. The Contractor shall supply the Agency with true copies of each contract relating to the construction of the improvements showing the specifications that contain these Labor Standards promptly after due and complete execution thereof and before any work under such contract commences. Failure to do shall be a violation of these Labor Standards.

3. **Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this Attachment:
 - (a) "Contractor" is the Contractor if permitted by law to act as a contractor, the general contractor, and any contractor as well as any subcontractor of any tier subcontractor having a contract or subcontract that exceeds \$10,000, and who employs Laborers, Mechanics, working foremen, and security guards to perform the construction on all or any part of the improvements.
 - (b) "Laborers" and "Mechanics" are all persons providing labor to perform the construction, including working foremen and security guards.
 - (c) "Working foreman" is a person who, in addition to performing supervisory duties, performs the work of a Laborer or Mechanic during at least 20 percent of the work week.

4. **Prevailing Wage.**
 - (a) All Laborers and Mechanics employed in the construction of the improvements will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by §5) the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at the time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the General Prevailing Wage Determination (hereinafter referred to as the "Wage Determination") made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, sections 1770, 1773 and

1773.1, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Contractor and such Laborers and Mechanics. A copy of the applicable Wage Determination is on file in the offices of the Agency.

- (b) All Laborers and Mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill. Laborers or Mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein provided that the Contractor's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed.
- (c) Whenever the wage rate prescribed in the Wage Determination for a class of Laborers or Mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the Contractor shall either pay the benefit in the manner as stated therein i.e. the vacation plan, the health benefit program, the pension plan and the apprenticeship program, or shall pay an hourly cash equivalent thereof.
- (d) If the Contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the Contractor may consider as part of the wages of any Laborer or Mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program of a type expressly listed in the Wage Determination, provided that the Executive Director of the Agency has found, upon the written request of the Contractor, made through the Contractor that the intent of the Labor Standards has been met. Records of such costs shall be maintained in the manner set forth in subsection (a) of §8. The Executive Director of the Agency may require the Contractor to set aside in a separate interest bearing account with a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program referred to above in subsection (b) of this §4. The interest shall be accumulated and shall be paid as determined by the Agency acting at its sole discretion.
- (e) Regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs, which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

5. Permissible Payroll Deductions. The following payroll deductions are permissible deductions. Any others require the approval of the Agency's Executive Director.

- (a) Any withholding made in compliance with the requirements of Federal, State or local income tax laws, and the Federal social security tax.
- (b) Any repayment of sums previously advanced to the employee as a bona fide prepayment of wages when such prepayment is made without discount or interest. A "bona fide prepayment of wages" is considered to have been made only when case or its equivalent has been advanced to the employee in such

manner as to give him or her complete freedom of disposition of the advanced funds.

- (c) Any garnishment, unless it is in favor of the Contractor (or any affiliated person or entity), or when collusion or collaboration exists.
- (d) Any contribution on behalf of the employee, to funds established by the Contractor, representatives of employees or both, for the purpose of providing from principal, income or both, medical or hospital care, pensions or annuities on retirement, death benefits, compensation for injuries, illness, accidents, sickness or disability, or for insurance to provide any of the foregoing, or unemployment benefits, vacation pay, savings accounts or similar payments for the benefit of employees, their families and dependents provided, however, that the following standards are met:
 - 1. The deduction is not otherwise prohibited by law; and
 - 2. It is either:
 - a. Voluntarily consented to by the employee in writing and in advance of the period in which the work is to be done and such consent is not a condition either for obtaining or for the continuation of employment, or
 - b. Provided for in a bona fide collective bargaining agreement between the Contractor and representatives of its employees; and
 - 3. No profit or other benefit is otherwise obtained, directly or indirectly, by the Contractor (or any affiliated person or entity) in the form of commission, dividend or otherwise; and
 - 4. The deduction shall serve the convenience and interest of the employee.
- (e) Any authorized purchase of United States Savings Bonds for the employee.
- (f) Any voluntarily authorized repayment of loans from or the purchase of shares in credit unions organized and operated in accordance with Federal and State credit union statutes.
- (g) Any contribution voluntarily authorized by the employee for the American Red Cross, United Way and similar charitable organizations.
- (h) Any payment of regular union initiation fees and membership dues, but not including fines or special assessments provided, that a collective bargaining agreement between the Contractor and representatives of its employees

provides for such payment and the deductions are not otherwise prohibited by law.

6. **Apprentices and Trainees.** Apprentices and trainees will be permitted to work at less than the Mechanic's rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and are individually registered in an apprenticeship or trainee program approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training ("BAT") or with the California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards ("DAS") or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice or trainee in such a program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by BAT or DAS to be eligible for probationary employment. Any employee listed on a payroll at an apprentice or trainee wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate for a Mechanic. Every apprentice or trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the employee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of a Mechanic's hourly rate as specified in the Wage Determination. Apprentices or trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the respective program. If the program does not specify fringe benefits, employees must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed in the Wage Determination.
7. **Overtime.** No Contractor contracting for any part of the construction of the improvements which may require or involve the employment of Laborers or Mechanics shall require or permit any such Laborer or Mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such construction to work in excess of eight hours in any calendar day or in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such Laborer or Mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight hours in any calendar day or in excess of 40 hours in such workweek, whichever is greater.
8. **Payrolls and Basic Records.**
 - (a) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the Contractor during the course of its construction of the improvements and preserved for a period of one year thereafter for all Laborers and Mechanics it employed in the construction of the improvements. Such records shall contain the name, address and social security number of each employee, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the wages of any Laborer or Mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program, the Contractor shall maintain records which show the costs anticipated or the actual costs incurred in providing such benefits and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the Laborers or Mechanics affected. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of

apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage prescribed in the applicable programs or the Wage Determination.

- (b) 1. The Contractor shall submit to the Agency on each Wednesday at noon a copy of the payrolls for the week preceding the previous week in which any construction of the improvements was performed. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required by the Agency's Optional Form, an initial supply of which may be obtained from the Agency. The Contractor if a prime contractor or the Contractor acting as the Contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of certified payrolls by all subcontractors; otherwise each Contractor shall timely submit such payrolls.

2. Each weekly payroll shall be accompanied by the Statement of Compliance that accompanies the Agency's Optional Form and properly executed by the Contractor or his or her agent, who pays or supervises the payment of the employees.
- (c) The Contractor shall make the records required under this §8 available for inspection or copying by authorized representatives of the Agency, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. On request the Executive Director of the Agency shall advise the Contractor of the identity of such authorized representatives.

- 9. **Occupational Safety and Health.** No Laborer or Mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his or her safety and health as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by Cal-OSHA or if Cal-OSHA is terminated, then by the federal OSHA.
- 10. **Equal Opportunity Program.** The utilization of apprentices, trainees, Laborers and Mechanics under this part shall be in conformity with the Agency's equal opportunity program.
- 11. **Nondiscrimination Against Employees for Complaints.** No Laborer or Mechanic to whom the wage, salary or other Labor Standards of this Agreement are applicable shall be discharged or in any other manner discriminated against by the Contractor because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or relating to these Labor Standards.
- 12. **Posting of Notice to Employees.** A copy of the Wage Determination referred to in subsection (a) of §4 together with a copy of a "Notice to Employees," in the form appearing on the last page of these Labor Standards, shall be given to the Contractor at the close of escrow. The Notice to Employees and the Wage Determination shall both be posted and maintained by the Contractor in a prominent place readily accessible to all

applicants and employees performing construction of the improvements before construction commences. If such Notice and Wage Determination is not so posted or maintained, the Agency may do so.

13. Violation and Remedies.

- (a) Liability to Employee for Unpaid Wages. The Contractor shall be liable to the employee for unpaid wages, overtime wages and benefits in violation of these Labor Standards.
- (b) Stop Work--Contract Terms, Records and Payrolls. If there is a violation of these Labor Standards by reason of the failure of any contract or subcontract for the construction of the improvements to contain the Labor Standards as required by §2 ("Non-Conforming Contract"); or by reason of any failure to submit the payrolls or make records available as required by §8 ("Non-Complying Contractor"), the Executive Director of the Agency may, after written notice to the Contractor with a copy to the Contractor involved and failure to cure the violation within five working days after the date of such notice, stop the construction work under the Non-Conforming Contract or of the Non-Complying Contractor until the Non-Conforming Contract or the Non-Complying Contractor comes into compliance.
- (c) Stop Work and Other Violations. For any violation of these Labor Standards the Executive Director of the Agency may give written notice to the Contractor, with a copy to the Contractor involved, which notice shall state the claimed violation and the amount of money, if any, involved in the violation. Within five working days from the date of said notice, the Contractor shall advise the Agency in writing whether or not the violation is disputed by the Contractor and a statement of reasons in support of such dispute (the "Notice of Dispute"). In addition to the foregoing, the Contractor, upon receipt of the notice of claimed violation from the Agency, shall with respect to any amount stated in the Agency notice withhold payment to the Contractor of the amount stated multiplied by 45 working days and shall with the Notice of Dispute, also advise the Agency that the moneys are being or will be withheld. If the Contractor fails to timely give a Notice of Dispute to the Agency or to advise of the withhold, then the Executive Director of the Agency may stop the construction of the improvements under the applicable contract or by the involved Contractor until such Notice of Dispute and written withhold advice has been received.

Upon receipt of the Notice of Dispute and withhold advice, any stop work which the Executive Director has ordered shall be lifted, but the Contractor shall continue to withhold the moneys until the dispute has been resolved either by agreement, or failing agreement, by arbitration as is provided in §14.

- (d) Withholding Certificates of Completion. The Agency may withhold any or all certificates of completion of the improvements provided for in this Agreement, for any violations of these Labor Standards until such violation has been cured.
- (e) General Remedies. In addition to all of the rights and remedies herein contained, but subject to arbitration, except as hereinafter provided, the Agency shall have all rights in law or equity to enforce these Labor Standards including, but not limited to, a prohibitory or mandatory injunction. Provided, however, the stop work remedy of the Agency provided above in subsection (b) and (c) is not subject to arbitration.

14. Arbitration of Disputes.

- (a) Any dispute regarding these Labor Standards shall be determined by arbitration through the American Arbitration Association, San Francisco, California office ("AAA") in accordance with the Commercial Rules of the AAA then applicable, but subject to the further provisions thereof.
- (b) The Agency and all persons or entities who have a contractual relationship affected by the dispute shall be made a party to the arbitration. Any such person or entity not made a party in the demand for arbitration may intervene as a party and in turn may name any such person or entity as a party.
- (c) The arbitration shall take place in the City and County of San Francisco.
- (d) Arbitration may be demanded by the Agency, the Contractor or the Contractor.
- (e) With the demand for arbitration, there must be enclosed a copy of these Labor Standards, and a copy of the demand must be mailed to the Agency and the Contractor, or as appropriate to one or the other if the Contractor or the Agency is demanding arbitration. If the demand does not include the Labor Standards they are nevertheless deemed a part of the demand. With the demand if made by the Agency or within a reasonable time thereafter if not made by the Agency, the Agency shall transmit to the AAA a copy of the Wage Determination (referred to in §4) and copies of all notices sent or received by the Agency pursuant to §13. Such material shall be made part of the arbitration record.
- (f) One arbitrator shall arbitrate the dispute. The arbitrator shall be selected from the panel of arbitrators of the AAA by the parties to the arbitration in accordance with the AAA rules. The parties shall act diligently in this regard. If the parties fail to select an arbitrator, within seven (7) days from the receipt of the panel, the AAA shall appoint the arbitrator. A condition to the selection of any arbitrator shall be that person's agreement to render a decision within 30 days from appointment.

- (g) Any party to the arbitration whether the party participates in the arbitration or not shall be bound by the decision of the arbitrator whose decision shall be final and binding on all of the parties and any and all rights of appeal from the decision are waived except a claim that the arbitrator's decision violates an applicable statute or regulation. The decision of the arbitrator shall be rendered on or before 30 days from appointment. The arbitrator shall schedule hearings as necessary to meet this 30 day decision requirement and the parties to the arbitration, whether they appear or not, shall be bound by such scheduling.
- (h) Any party to the arbitration may take any and all steps permitted by law to enforce the arbitrator's decision and if the arbitrator's decision requires the payment of money the Contractor shall make the required payments and the Contractor shall pay the Contractor from money withheld.
- (i) Costs and Expenses. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses of the arbitration and the costs of the arbitration shall be shared equally among the parties.

15. Non-liability of the Agency. The Contractor and each Contractor acknowledge and agree that the procedures hereinafter set forth for dealing with violations of these Labor Standards are reasonable and have been anticipated by the parties in securing financing, in inviting, submitting and receiving bids for the construction of the improvements, in determining the time for commencement and completion of construction and in proceeding with construction work. Accordingly the Contractor, and any Contractor, by proceeding with construction expressly waives and is deemed to have waived any and all claims against the Agency for damages, direct or indirect, arising out of these Labor Standards and their enforcement and including but not limited to claims relative to stop work orders, and the commencement, continuance or completion of construction.

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

***EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY
NON-DISCRIMI-
NATION***

The contractor must take equal opportunity steps to provide employment opportunities to minority group persons and women and shall not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, creed, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion or sexual orientation.

***PREVAILING
WAGE***

You shall not be paid less than the wage rate contained in the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, sections 1770, 1773 and 1773.1.

OVERTIME

You must be paid not less than one and one-half times your basic rate of pay for all hours worked over 8 a day or 40 a week, whichever is greater.

APPRENTICES

Apprentice rates apply only to employees registered under an apprenticeship or trainee program approved by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

PROPER PAY

If you do not receive proper pay, write the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure, OCII
1 South Van Ness Ave. 5th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
or call **415-749-2400** and ask for the
Contract Compliance Department.