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Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards

Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment

procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

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General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts." This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the seven separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of September 1998.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 98-2 CARP CD 96]

Ascertainment of Controversy for 1996 Cable Royalty Funds

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress directs all claimants to royalty fees collected for secondary transmission by cable systems in 1996 to submit comments as to whether a Phase I or a Phase II controversy exists as to the distribution of these funds.

DATES: Comments are due October 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: If sent by mail, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), PO Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. If hand-delivered, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intent to Participate should be brought to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, LM Room 403, First and Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20559-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David O. Carson, General Counsel, or Tanya M. Sandros, Attorney Advisor, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels, PO Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 707-8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year, cable systems submit royalties to the U.S. Copyright Office under a statutory license which allows cable systems to retransmit broadcast signals to their subscribers. 17 U.S.C. 111. These royalties are, in turn, distributed in one of two ways to copyright owners whose works were included in a cable system's secondary transmission and who timely filed a claim with the Copyright Office.

These copyright owners may either negotiate a settlement agreement among themselves as to the distribution of the royalty fees, or the Librarian of Congress may convene an ad hoc Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) to determine the final distribution of the royalty fees which remain in

controversy. See 17 U.S.C. chapter 8. The Copyright Act also allows the copyright owners to receive a partial distribution of the royalty fees prior to the final determination so long as sufficient funds are withheld from distribution "to satisfy all claims with respect to which a controversy exists." 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(4)(C).

Accordingly, on September 3, 1998, the "representatives of the Phase I claimant categories to which royalties have been allocated in prior distribution proceedings" filed a motion for partial distribution of 75% of the 1996 cable royalties with the Copyright Office. However, before beginning a distribution proceeding or making a partial distribution, the Librarian of Congress must first ascertain whether a controversy exists as to the distribution of the funds. 17 U.S.C. 803(c).

For these reasons, the Office is requesting comment on the existence of any controversies as to the distribution of the 1996 cable royalties. The Office also requests that those claimants intending to participate in the 1996 distribution proceeding file a Notice of Intent to Participate, noting whether they anticipate participating in a Phase I proceeding, a Phase II proceeding, or both.

In a Phase I proceeding, the arbitrators ascertain the distribution of royalties among the categories of broadcast programming represented in the proceeding, and in a Phase II proceeding, the arbitrators settle disputes between claimants within a particular category concerning the distribution of royalty fees within the group. If a claimant anticipates a Phase II controversy, the claimant must state each program category in which he or she has an interest which by the end of the comment period has not yet been satisfied by private agreement.

Participants must advise the Office of the existence of all controversies, Phase I or Phase II, by the end of the comment period. The Office will not consider controversies which come to its attention after the close of the comment period. Failure to file a timely Notice of Intent to Participate shall also preclude a party from participating in this proceeding.

Dated: September 14, 1998.

Marybeth Peters,

Register of Copyrights.

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