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In January and July of each year, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries publishes the prevailing wage rates that are required to be paid to workers in Oregon on public works projects subject to the state Prevailing Wage Rate (PWR) law. Quarterly updates are published in April and October.

State prevailing wage rates are determined using data collected from an annual statewide construction industry survey of occupations and crafts performing commercial building and heavy and highway construction in 14 geographic regions of the state.

The U.S. Department of Labor also periodically conducts surveys and publishes rates to be paid on projects subject to the federal Davis-Bacon Act.

Effective January 1, 2006, Senate Bill 477, passed by the 2005 Legislature, requires the higher of either the state prevailing wage rates or federal Davis-Bacon rates to be paid to workers on projects in Oregon subject to both the state PWR law and federal Davis-Bacon Act. SB 477 further requires the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries to compare state and federal rates for each occupation in each locality in the state, and publish and make available information showing which rate is higher for each occupation.

This publication provides the applicable rates to be paid to workers by county on projects subject to **both** the state Prevailing Wage Rate law **and** federal Davis-Bacon Act by indicating which rate is higher for each and every occupation for which a wage rate has been determined under the PWR and Davis-Bacon laws. A separate publication, "Prevailing Wage Rates for Public Works Contracts in Oregon," provides the applicable wage rates for projects subject **ONLY** to the state Prevailing Wage Rate law (and not the federal Davis-Bacon Act). BOLI's PWR publications are available electronically at www.oregon.gov/boli.

Please note that federal Davis-Bacon rates may be amended at any time. Although the Bureau of Labor and Industries will publish state and the latest available federal wage rates on a quarterly basis, before relying on the federal rates contained in this publication, it is recommended that users of this publication verify that the federal rates have not been amended. Information regarding the current federal wage rates for projects in the state of Oregon may be accessed at <http://www.gpo.gov/davisbacon/or.html>.

If you identify any errors in the rates published, or if you have any questions regarding application of the state PWR law or the applicable rates to be paid on any project, contact the bureau's Prevailing Wage Coordinator in Portland at (971) 673-0839.

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