Q: Why doesn't ODOT always post a bid reference document with the updated wage information (Project Midpoint) when the wage rates are updated?

A: Although the wage rates can be updated the week of the bid opening, ODOT by law cannot post bid reference documents within 48 hours of the bid opening and cannot post the bid reference documents after the bid opening. The Agency Project Manager will receive final wage information after the bid opening. Generally ODOT will run and post the ‘Preliminary’ report a week after advertisement and the ‘Revised’ report Monday prior to the bid opening.

Q: If a project is postponed that uses both BOLI and Davis-Bacon, and the BOLI schedule is revised during the advertisement period, what BOLI schedule date is used compared to Davis-Bacon.

A: For projects that use both BOLI and Davis-Bacon, the most current BOLI schedule date on the Date of the Bid is used for comparisons to Davis-Bacon Rates. Contractors are reminded that the BOLI schedule may change up to and including the date of the bid. It is the contractor’s responsibility to use the most current BOLI schedule for comparison purposes for its bid.

Q: What is the wage schedule date to be used on a BOLI only project when a significant change is negotiated with a different prime contractor and added to an existing BOLI project?

A: We may want to take a look at these on a case by case if/when these come up. Typically the rate determinations don’t change over the course of a project from the original determination; however I have seen a couple (e.g., local project/Sellwood) where a CCO specifically used a different, more recent wage determination.