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## **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 99-006**

### **Comments**

**[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]**

#### **5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language**

Both the fiscal impact statement and the fiscal estimate of the rule appear to be somewhat misleading in that they both seem to imply that, under the rule, single-trade public works projects that cost under \$32,000 and multi-trade public works projects with a cost below \$160,000 *will* be subject to prevailing wage rates. Clearly, that is not the purpose of the rule nor its effect. Perhaps the accuracy and clarity of the statement and estimate could be enhanced if the references to the old thresholds are removed and only the new upper limits are referred to. Thus, the fiscal impact would read, in part, “. . . a state or local government with a public works project that costs less than \$33,000 for a single-trade project or less than \$164,000 for a multi-trade project will not be covered by the prevailing wage requirement.”