

Clearinghouse Rule 01-005

Rules Certificate

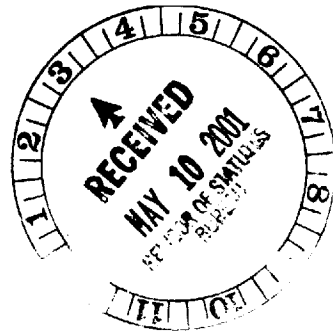
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DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT)

I, Jennifer Reinert, Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development, and custodian of the official records, certify that the annexed rules relating to the annual adjustment of thresholds for application of the prevailing wage rates were duly approved and adopted by this department on May 9, 2001.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that it is a true copy of the original and of the whole of the original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the of the Department of Workforce Development at 201 E. Washington Avenue in the city of Madison, this 9 day of May 2001.

Jennifer Reinert
Secretary or designee



Order Adopting Rules

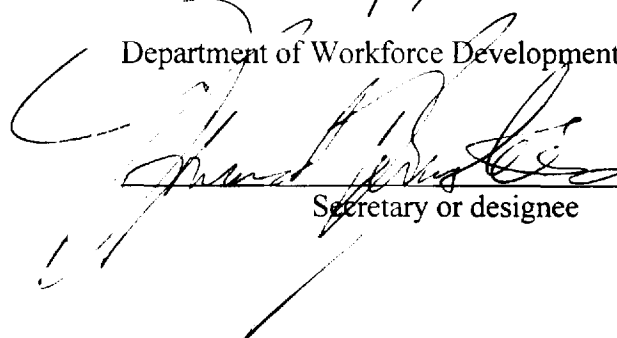
Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Workforce Development by ss. 66.0903(5), 103.49(3g), and 227.11, Stats., the Department of Workforce Development amends rules of Wisconsin Administrative Code section DWD 290.155(1), relating to the annual adjustment of thresholds for application of prevailing wage rates.

The attached rules shall take effect on July 1, 2001, pursuant to s. 227.22, Stats.

Adopted at Madison, Wisconsin this

Date: May 9, 2001

Department of Workforce Development


Secretary or designee





State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce Development
Equal Rights Division



Annual Adjustment of Thresholds for Application of Prevailing Wage Rates

DWD 290.155(1)

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development proposes an order to amend DWD 290.155(1), relating to the annual adjustment of thresholds for application of prevailing wage rates.

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Workforce Development

Statutory authority: Sections 66.0903(5) and 103.49(3g), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: Sections 66.0903(5) and 103.49(3g), Stats.

The state prevailing wage laws require that when a state agency or local governmental unit contracts for the construction of a public works project it must obtain a prevailing wage rate determination from the Department of Workforce Development and require that the contractors and subcontractors on the project pay their employees in accordance with those wage rates. Under ss. 66.0903(5) and 103.49(3g), Stats., and the current s. DWD 290.155(1), the state prevailing wage rate laws do not apply to any single-trade public works project for which the estimated cost is below \$34,000, and it does not apply to any multi-trade public works project for which the estimated cost is below \$168,000.

Pursuant to ss. 66.0903(5) and 103.49(3g), Stats., and s. DWD 290.15, the Department is required to adjust the dollar amounts of the thresholds each year in proportion to any change in construction costs since the thresholds were last determined. The threshold adjustment is based on changes in the construction cost index published in the *Engineering News-Record*, a construction trade publication. The proposed rule adjusts the thresholds from \$34,000 to \$35,000 for single-trade projects and from \$168,000 to \$172,000 for multi-trade projects based on a 2.6% increase in the construction cost index between December 1999 and December 2000.

SECTION 1. DWD 290.155(1) is amended to read:

DWD 290.155(1) This chapter does not apply to any single-trade public works project for which the estimated cost of completion is below ~~\$34,000~~ \$35,000, and any multi-trade public works project for which the estimated cost of completion is below ~~\$168,000~~ \$172,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.