

Rules Certificate

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 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT)

I, Linda Stewart, Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development, and custodian of the official records, certify that the annexed rules, relating to Threshold Costs Relating to Prevailing Wage Rates for State or Local Public Works Projects were duly approved and adopted by this department on April ____, 1999.

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 15 day of April 1999.



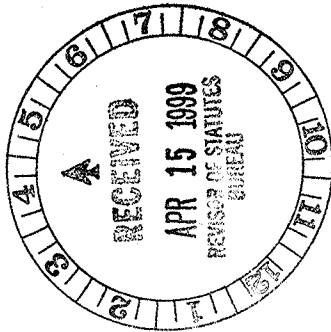
Linda Stewart

 Secretary

Order Adopting Rules

Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Workforce Development by section(s) 66.293(5) and 103.43(3g), Stats., the Department of Workforce Development amends rules of Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter DWD 290.155, Threshold Costs Relating to Prevailing Wage Rates for State or Local Public Works Projects.

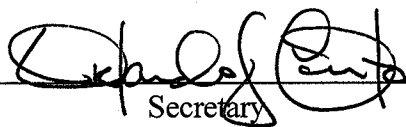
The attached rules shall take effect on June 1, 1999, pursuant to section 227.22, Stats.



Adopted at Madison, Wisconsin this

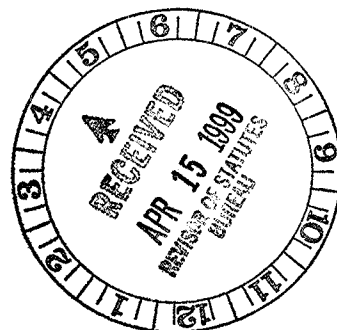
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Department of Workforce Development


Secretary



State of Wisconsin
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Rule in Final Form

Rule No.: DWD 290.155

Relating to: **Thresholds for Application of the Prevailing
Wage Rates for State or Local Public Works
Projects**

State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce Development

**Thresholds for Application of the Prevailing Wage
Rates for State or Local Public Works Projects**

Analysis

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development proposes an order to amend DWD 290.155, relating to the annual adjustment of the minimum estimated project costs for the application of the requirement to obtain a determination of prevailing wage rates for workers employed on state or local public works projects.

Authority for rule: secs. 66.293(5) and 103.49(3g), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: secs. 66.293(5) and 103.49(3g), Stats.

The state prevailing wage laws require that, when a state agency or local governmental unit constructs 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 secs. 66.293(5) and 103.49(3g), Stats., and the current sec. DWD 290.155, Wis. Admin. Code, the state prevailing wage rate laws do not apply to any "single-trade public works project" (a project involving the employment of only one trade) whose estimated cost is below \$32,000, and it does not apply to any "multi-trade public works project" whose estimated cost is below \$160,000.

Under secs. 66.293(5) and 103.49(3g), Stats., and DWD 290.15, the department is required to adjust the dollar amounts of the threshold limits each year, in proportion to any change in construction costs since the limits were last determined. The proposed rule changes the threshold limits to \$33,000 for single-trade projects and \$164,000 for multi-trade projects, based on a 2.6% increase in the construction cost index between November 1997 and December 1998.

Rule Text

SECTION 1. DWD 290.155 is amended to read:

DWD 290.155 This chapter does not apply to any single-trade public works project for which the estimated cost of completion is below ~~\$32,000~~ \$33,000, and any multi-trade public works project for which the estimated cost of completion is below ~~\$160,000~~ \$164,000.

SECTION 2. 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.

(End)

Tommy G. Thompson
Governor
Linda Stewart
Secretary



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Transmittal of Rule Adoption

Clearinghouse rule number: 99-006

Rule number: DWD 290.155

Relating to: Thresholds for Application of the Prevailing Wage Rates for State or Local Public Works Projects

Dear Mr. Poulson and Mr. LaFollette:

I have enclosed a rules certificate, order of adoption, and rule text for the filing of an permanent rule.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Stewart".

Linda Stewart, Ph.D.
Secretary

