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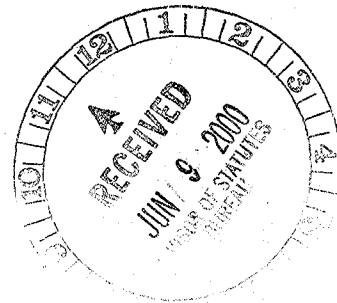
STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT)

I, Linda Stewart, Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development, and custodian of the official records, certify that the annexed rules, relating to the annual adjustment of thresholds for application of the prevailing wage rates for state or local public works projects, were duly approved and adopted by this department on June 8, 2000.

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 8th day of June 2000.

Mark B. Luciel
Secretary or designee



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Order Adopting Rules

Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Workforce Development by ss. 66.293(5), 103.49(3g), and 227.11(2), Stats., the Department of Workforce Development amends rules of Wisconsin Administrative Code s. DWD 290.155, relating to the annual adjustment of thresholds for application of the prevailing wage rates for state or local public works projects.

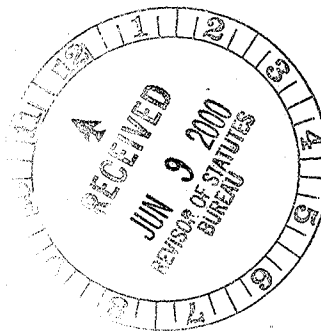
The attached rules shall take effect on August 1, 2000, pursuant to s. 227.22, Stats.

Adopted at Madison, Wisconsin this

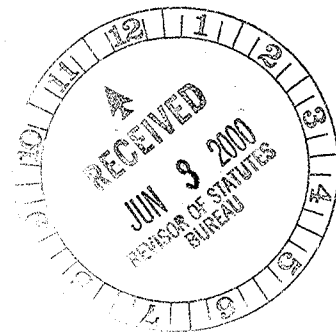
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Department of Workforce Development

Mark B. Lenz
Secretary or designee



**State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce Development**



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

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development proposes an order to amend DWD 290.155, relating to the annual adjustment of thresholds for application of the prevailing wage rates for state or local public works projects.

Analysis

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 s. DWD 290.155 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 \$33,000, and it does not apply to any "multi-trade public works project" whose estimated cost is below \$164,000.

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 thresholds each year, in proportion to any change in construction costs since the thresholds were last determined. The proposed rule changes the thresholds to \$34,000 for single-trade projects and \$168,000 for multi-trade projects, based on a 2.3% increase in the construction cost index between December 1998 and December 1999.

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 ~~\$33,000~~ \$34,000, and any multi-trade public works project for which the estimated cost of completion is below ~~\$164,000~~ \$168,000.

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.