



Local Programs Procedures

LPP 97-01 Federal Wage Rates Availability

Reference: LPP 95-07, Reengineering, Attachment 7, Section 5.6, Payment of Predetermined Minimum Wages

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This LPP changes the method of obtaining and disseminating current federal wage rates to local agencies for their federal-aid transportation construction contracts.

EXISTING PROCEDURES

LPP 95-07 delegated many duties which were once Caltrans responsibility, to the local agencies. Within that LPP, Attachment 7, Section 5.6--"Payment of Predetermined Minimum Wages", contains the statement: "The local agency is responsible for including the wage rate in the federal-aid contract." Notice of wage rate decisions are published in the *Federal Register* and are available to local agencies through a user fee supported service. However, available district local assistance staff may access the Caltrans Office Engineer's server and download the federal wage rates for the county in which the project takes place. This information, as a hard copy, may be given to the local agency as part of Caltrans' federal-aid highway processing assistance.

NEW PROCEDURES

This information is now available directly from the Caltrans Local Programs Home Page under "Federal Wage Rates." This access is password protected. The appropriate user name and password may be requested from the District Local Assistance Engineers. The name and password is entered after the user agrees to the "Terms of Use" on the "Federal Wage Rates" page.

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Local agencies that have Internet access are to be given the user name and password. All District Local Assistance Engineers will receive a memorandum containing the selection of user names and the password.

Local agencies who do not have Internet access will continue to receive federal wage rates from the "Existing Procedures" mentioned above or have the District Local Assistance Engineer access the "Federal Wage Rates" page and print the information for them. This is subject to district staffing availability. Consultants on retainer as a City/County Engineer or Public Works Director may receive the password provided that the wage rates are for federal-aid highway construction contracts programmed through Caltrans, Office of Local Programs.