

**WAGE RATES AND PAYROLL REPORTING**

Section 00830

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**1. PAYMENT**

**1.1 Classification Definitions, Building and Heavy and Highway**

**1.1.1** Definitions for Building Construction and Heavy and Highway classifications shall conform to the current "Occupational Information Network (O\*NET)" as approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. For interpretive guidance, the Core Task list in O\*NET will be used to make prevailing wage determinations. Final classification of workers will be made by the OWNER.

**1.2 Minimum Wages**

**1.2.1** Workers on Project shall be paid not less than wage rates, including fringe benefits, as published by the Department of Labor (DOL) or the \$20.80 minimum wage required by City of Austin Ordinance No. 20160324-015, whichever is higher. The Total Minimum Wage required can be met using any combination of cash and non-cash qualified fringe benefits provided the cash component meets or exceeds the \$20.80 minimum wage required.

**1.2.2** Such wage rates shall be used throughout the Contract. If a classification is to be used, which is not listed in the attached wage rates, CONTRACTOR shall submit to OWNER rates and classification proposed for use, for approval, prior to performance of the Work.

**1.2.3** All laborers and mechanics working upon the Work for this Project shall be paid unconditionally and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act, Title 29 CFR, Part 3) full wages accrued and when due, computed at rates not less than wage rates bound herein pertaining to type of Work being performed. When Work is of such a nature that both Building and Heavy and Highway wage scales are incorporated into contract, CONTRACTOR shall pay wage rates to mechanics or laborers performing Work in more than one classification at the rate indicated for each classification for time actually worked as determined by area practice applicable to type (Site Construction Crafts or Building Construction Crafts) of Work being performed without regards to skill. Salaried specialists (project superintendent and administrative personnel only) in the permanent employment of CONTRACTOR do not fall under any Wage Classification. A supervisor/foreman who is not exempt under 29 CFR Part 541 and who spends more than a substantial amount of time (20 percent) in a given workweek as a laborer or mechanic must be paid the applicable Wage Rate for the classification of work performed for all hours engaged in such work as a laborer or mechanic.

**1.2.4** Wage rates shall be posted by CONTRACTOR at site(s) of Work in prominent, easily accessible places where they can be seen by all workers. The following shall also be posted by the CONTRACTOR: City of Austin wage contact posters (English and Spanish), City of Austin Equal Employment Opportunity posters (English and Spanish), Workers' Compensation Notice (English and Spanish), Texas Payday Law (English and Spanish), City Rest Break Ordinance

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(English and Spanish), City of Austin Non-Discrimination Statement (related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act), and Federal Notices, as appropriate.

### **1.3 Overtime Requirements**

**1.3.1** No CONTRACTOR, Subcontractor, or Sub-subcontractor contracting for any part of contract Work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he is employed on such Work, to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times their basic rate of pay for all hours in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

**1.3.2** Overtime wages must be calculated using the Adjusted Wage Rate specified in the Wage Rate Determination or the actual basic rate of pay, whichever is higher.

## **2. APPRENTICES**

### **2.1 Locally and Federally Funded Projects**

**2.1.1** The terms journeyman and apprentice apply to both union and independent workers, and are not intended to imply that these positions are union workers only.

**2.1.2** Apprentices and Trainees will be permitted to work as such only when they are registered, individually, under a bonafide Apprenticeship or Trainee program registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor. The allowable ratio of Apprentices or Trainees to journeymen in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to CONTRACTOR as stated in the registered apprenticeship program standards. Any employee listed on a payroll at an Apprentice or Trainee wage rate, who is not registered as above, shall be paid the wage rate provided in Contract for Work employee actually performed. CONTRACTOR, Subcontractor, or Subsubcontractor shall furnish to OWNER written evidence of registration of his program for Apprentices and Trainees as well as of the appropriate ratios and wage rates, for the area of construction prior to using any Apprentices or Trainees on this Contract.

## **3. WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS**

**3.1** OWNER may withhold or cause to be withheld from CONTRACTOR as much of the accrued payments as necessary to pay laborers and mechanics employed by CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, or Sub-subcontractors the amount of wages required to comply with the Contract. In the event of nonpayment of wages to laborers or mechanics working on the site of the Work of this Contract, OWNER may, after Written Notice to CONTRACTOR, take such action as may be necessary to cause suspension of any further payments or advance of funds to CONTRACTOR until such violations have ceased and until restitution has been made. Payments may also be withheld if CONTRACTOR fails to maintain weekly payroll reports or fails to provide copies in a timely manner upon request of OWNER.

## **4. PAYROLLS**

**4.1** CONTRACTOR shall keep records showing:

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**4.1.1** The name, address and occupation of each worker employed by the CONTRACTOR or subcontractor(s) in the construction of the public work.

**4.1.2** The actual per diem wages paid to each worker.

**4.1.3** Employee Certification. CONTRACTOR, all levels of Subcontractors shall identify in writing, the classification agreed to by all laborers and mechanics employed by them in the execution of the Contract, and pay not less than rates specified in the attached Wage Rate Determination(s). Contractor shall prepare a completed form for the signature of Employee and a witness shall sign the form in the presence of Employee. If work performed by worker is different than the trade classification agreed upon, the worker shall be paid for that work no less than the minimum prevailing wage for that specified trade.

**4.1.4** Payroll Deduction Authorization Form. CONTRACTOR, Subcontractor, and Sub subcontractor shall prepare for employee signature a payroll deduction authorization form to identify all payroll deductions excluding those required by statute, such as federal income taxes, Medicare and social security.

**4.2** The record shall be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by the officers and agents of the OWNER as requested. CONTRACTOR will be responsible to provide copies of records as requested by the OWNER within two (2) working days. Payrolls relating to this Work shall be maintained during term of Contract and preserved for a period of three (3) years thereafter by CONTRACTOR for all laborers and mechanics working on the Work.

**4.3** A Statement of Compliance, a letter signed and dated by party responsible for supervising the payment of persons employed by CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall accompany payrolls required by OWNER. The Statement of Compliance letter shall identify but is not limited to:

**4.3.1** Name of signatory party and title

**4.3.2** Name of project, payroll period and

**4.3.3** Name of CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor

**4.4** The signed letter attests that the payroll complies with 29CFR issued by the Secretary of Labor.

**4.5** Federal Funding. In the event that federal funding is used:

**4.5.1** Contractor and all levels of Subcontractors shall submit weekly certified payroll reports and signed wage compliance statements to the OWNER's designated office no later than seven (7) calendar days after the scheduled payday.

**4.5.2** Contractors and all levels of Subcontractors shall pay all "mechanics and laborers" not less often than once per week, for work performed the previous week.

**4.5.3** Submit to the OWNER's designated office Standard Form 1413, Statement and Acknowledgement, from each subcontractor prior to the subcontractor performing work on the project.

## **5. NONCOMPLIANCE**

**5.1** According to Chapter 2258 Texas Government Code Title 10A, a CONTRACTOR or subcontractor(s) who violates this section shall pay to the political subdivision on whose behalf the contract is made, \$60 for each worker employed for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the contract. A public body shall use any money collected under this section to offset the costs incurred in the administration of this chapter.

**5.2** Confirmed Disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR against employees who provide information during an interview or investigation by the OWNER on wages received, may result in suspension or debarment from consideration of award of City contracts.

**5.3** All employers are required to complete a Wage Theft Training within 30 days of being awarded a City contract and certify they have not been adjudicated for certain offenses related to the City of Austin's Wage Theft Ordinance No. 20221002-031.

## **6. AREA PRACTICE**

**6.1** Heavy and Highway Construction Rates shall be used on this Project, unless the Project consists primarily of Building Construction and Building Construction Rates are to be used.

**6.1.1** Building Construction consists generally of all aspects of construction of buildings, which are sheltered enclosures with walk-in access for the purpose of housing persons, machinery, equipment or supplies, including without limitation the installation of utilities and equipment, both above and below grade level, as well as incidental demolition, grading, utilities, paving and other site work. Buildings need not be "habitable" to be classified as Building Construction and the installation of heavy machinery and/or equipment will not generally change a Building Construction project's classification.

**6.1.2** The determination of Building Construction Wage Rates includes all construction trades and work necessary to complete a building, regardless of the number of contracts involved, so long as all such contracts are closely related in purpose, time and place.

**6.2** For projects that involve both Building Construction and Heavy and Highway trades, the following classifications shall be used:

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**6.3** Split classifications/multiple wage rate schedules: When construction work requires that an employee perform work under multiple classifications or multiple wage scales, the employer must pay that worker (at least) the highest prevailing wage or the employer payroll records must accurately set forth the times spent performing the work of each classification and under each scale. For those projects that involve both Building Construction and Heavy and Highway trades, the Heavy and Highway wage rates may only be applied to workers when engaged in site work at least five (5) feet beyond the building.

**7. TEXAS OPEN RECORDS ACT**

**7.1** Unless covered by an exception to mandatory disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, any and all documents submitted to the City of Austin become Public Records and are, therefore, subject to public disclosure.

**Wage Rates for This Project Are Attached**

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