

FEMA PA Match Training

## CDBG Labor Requirements



DR CDBG Funds subject to Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) requirements



## When do DBRA requirements apply?

- All construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration, or repair of public buildings or public works.
- And all projects where construction started April 4, 2017 or later.
- DBRA requirements are not triggered for any project where construction was completed prior to April 4, 2017.
- Possibility that any construction that occurred prior to April 4, 2017 may not trigger DBRA.
  - A decision by HUD is pending.



## Steps involved in ensuring compliance with labor standards

- Designate a Labor Compliance Officer
- Determine the Effective Wage Decision(s)
- Verify Wage Decision
- Notification of Subcontractor Awards
- Pre-Construction Conference (Optional)
- Provide Additional Classifications



# Designate a Labor Compliance Officer (LCO)

- Designate a person familiar with labor requirements to ensure compliance with DBRA requirements.
  - Person will be responsible for conducting employee interviews, verifying federal posting requirements and reviewing payroll reports, among other things.
  - Grantees often appoint as LCO someone who works for the grant administrator or project engineer.
  - Use Exhibit 7-4 in DR CDBG Grantee Administrative Manual to document appointment of LCO. Maintain form in grantee's Labor files.



## Ten Day Responsibility

- Search <u>www.wdol.gov</u> website no more than 10 days prior to bid opening to ensure that wage decision in bid package is current.
- Wage decision in effect 10 days prior to bid opening date is effective for duration of contract, provided grantee awards contract within 90 days of bid opening date.
- If more than 90 days elapse between bid opening and contract award date, wage decision in effect on date of contract award becomes Effective Wage Decision.



## Verify Wage Decision

- The Disaster Recovery CDBG Program requires that the wage decision verification be obtained after the bid opening and before the award of the contract.
  - Helps ensure that the wage decision in effect at the date of the contract award is made a part of the grantee's contract with the low bidder.
- Use Exhibit 7-6 in the DR CDBG Grantee Administrative Manual to document verification of the wage decision choice. Maintain form in grantee's Labor files.



### Provide Additional Classifications

- Ideal time to request additional classifications is at preconstruction conference.
- If any class of laborers or mechanics not listed in the wage decision will be employed on the project, the contractor must request an additional classification.
- Use Exhibit 7-9 in DR CDBG Grantee Administrative Manual (HUD Form 4230A) to request additional classification. Maintain request and Department of Labor approval of classification in grantee's Labor files.



## Field Inspections

- The LCO should conduct field inspections at the job site to establish compliance with labor requirements, including:
  - Ensuring that the wage decision is posted in a prominent place.
  - Ensuring that required construction site posters are prominently displayed.
  - Conducting employee interviews to determine that the wages employees are receiving are the same as reported on weekly payrolls.
  - Use Exhibit 7-2 in DR CDBG Grantee Administrative Manual to verify posting requirements. Maintain verification form in grantee's Labor files.



## Required Construction Site Posters







## Employee Interviews

- Must be conducted to determine payroll accuracy and compliance with DBRA requirements.
- One interview session will sometimes be sufficient to meet requirements for the contractors.
- Conduct interviews for at least 50 percent of laborers and one worker of each of the remaining classifications present on the jobsite.
- If a worker refuses to be interviewed or provide particular information, do not insist.
- Use Exhibit 7-10 in the DR CDBG Grantee Administrative Manual to record employee interviews (Form HUD-11). Maintain records of all interviews in grantee's Labor files.



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1b. Project Number			2b. Employee Phone N	umber (including area code)	
1c. Contractor or Sub	contractor (Employer)		2c. Employee Home Ad	dress & Zip Code	
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3a. How long on this job?	3b. Last date on this job before today?	3c. No. of hours last day on this job?	4a. Hourly rate of pay?	4b. Fringe Benefits?  Vacation Yes No Medical Yes No Pension Yes No	4c. Pay stub?  Yes No
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## Payroll Reports

Submission and Reporting Requirements



## Weekly Payroll Submission Requirements

- Weekly responsibility of each contractor, subcontractor, and any lower tier subcontractor to submit to the grantee numbered weekly payrolls from time work begins until the work is completed.
- If no work is performed during a given workweek, payrolls do not have to be submitted. Once work resumes, the next consecutive number should be used.
- Payrolls of subcontractors are to be submitted via the prime contractor. Prime contractors is responsible for the review of all subcontractors' payroll reports.



#### U.S. Department of Labor

#### PAYROLL



Wage and Hour Division

#### (For Contractor's Optional Use; See Instructions at www.dol.gov/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm)

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#### Public Burden Statement

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# Common Labor Compliance Issues found on Payroll Reports

- Contractor does not specify worker's exact classification (see example).
- Classifications listed on payroll reports that are not listed in the effective wage decision (see example).
- Employees not paid the minimum prevailing wage rate specified in the wage decision (rate of pay issues are often associated with overtime hours worked).
- Lack of Payroll Deduction Authorization (PDA) forms for employees who authorize non-standard deductions to be taken from their earnings (or lack of up-to-date PDA forms in files).



# Items to Remember when Reviewing Payroll Reports

- Overtime is defined as all hours worked on the contract in excess of 40 hours per week (rather than in excess of eight hours per day) and is calculated at the rate of one-and-a-half times the regular rate of basic pay plus the straight-time rate of any required fringe benefits.
- If a contractor has established an hourly rate for an employee above the rate specified in the wage decision, that established rate should be used to determine the employee's minimum hourly overtime rate not the rate specified in the wage decision.



# Items to Remember when Reviewing Payroll Reports (continued)

- Excessive wages in one area cannot compensate for deficient wages in another area (e.g., an employee performing both Carpenter and Laborer duties during a given workweek cannot be underpaid for hours worked as a Laborer if he was overpaid for hours worked as a Carpenter).
- Use employee interviews to determine whether employees are classified correctly on payroll reports and whether they are being paid minimum prevailing wage rates. Discrepancies should be investigated.



### Resources

- Section 7 (Labor Regulations) of the DR CDBG Grantee Administrative Manual:
   <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU/Administration%20Manual/Section\_7/Section\_7\_v3.85.pdf">http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU/Administration%20Manual/Section\_7/Section\_7\_v3.85.pdf</a>
- Verification of Project Wage Rate Sheet and Project Sign Posting (Exhibit 7-2):
   <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section-07/Section-7">http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section-07/Section-7</a> Exhibits/Exhibit%207-2.doc
- Required Construction Site Posters (Exhibit 7-3):
   <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section-07/Section-7">http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section-07/Section-7</a> Exhibits/Exhibit%207-3.doc



### Resources (continued)

- Appointment of LCO form (Exhibit 7-4):
   <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section-07/Section-7">http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section-07/Section-7</a> Exhibits/Exhibit%207-4.doc
- Verification of Wage Decision (Exhibit 7-6):
   <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section\_07/Section\_7\_Exhibits/Exhibit%207-6.doc">http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section\_07/Section\_7\_Exhibits/Exhibit%207-6.doc</a>
- Payroll Deduction Authorization form (Exhibit 7-7):
   <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section-07/Section-7">http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section-07/Section-7</a> Exhibits/Exhibit%207-7.doc



### Resources (continued)

- Report of Additional Classification and Rate, including instructions (Exhibit 7-9):
   http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section 07/Section 7 Exhibits/Exhibit%207-9.pdf
- Employee Interview form (Exhibit 7-10):
   <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section\_07/Section\_7\_Exhibits/Exhibit%207-10.pdf">http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section\_07/Section\_7\_Exhibits/Exhibit%207-10.pdf</a>
- Payroll Form, including instructions (Exhibit 7-14):
   <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section\_07/Section\_7\_Exhibits/Exhibit%207-14.doc">http://www.doa.la.gov/OCDDRU%20AdminManual/Section\_07/Section\_7\_Exhibits/Exhibit%207-14.doc</a>



## QUESTIONS?



