

"REGISTER OF WAGE DETERMINATIONS UNDER THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT By direction of the Secretary of Labor		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION WASHINGTON D.C. 20210
Daniel W. Simms Director	Division of Wage Determinations	Wage Determination No.: 2015-5603 Revision No.: 21 Date Of Last Revision: 12/27/2022

Note: Contracts subject to the Service Contract Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658.

If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022:	Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$16.20 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in 2023.
If the contract was awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and the contract is not renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022:	Executive Order 13658 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$12.15 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in 2023.

The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

State: California

Area: California County of Kern

**\*\*Fringe Benefits Required Follow the Occupational Listing\*\***

OCCUPATION CODE - TITLE	FOOTNOTE	RATE
01000 - Administrative Support And Clerical Occupations		
01011 - Accounting Clerk I		17.39
01012 - Accounting Clerk II		19.51
01013 - Accounting Clerk III		21.83
01020 - Administrative Assistant		30.78
01035 - Court Reporter		36.51
01041 - Customer Service Representative I		16.05***
01042 - Customer Service Representative II		17.51
01043 - Customer Service Representative III		19.65
01051 - Data Entry Operator I		15.60***
01052 - Data Entry Operator II		17.02
01060 - Dispatcher, Motor Vehicle		23.10
01070 - Document Preparation Clerk		18.12
01090 - Duplicating Machine Operator		18.12
01111 - General Clerk I		16.11***
01112 - General Clerk II		17.58
01113 - General Clerk III		19.73

01120 - Housing Referral Assistant	23.88
01141 - Messenger Courier	17.61
01191 - Order Clerk I	18.12
01192 - Order Clerk II	19.77
01261 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) I	19.13
01262 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) II	21.40
01263 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) III	23.85
01270 - Production Control Clerk	28.50
01290 - Rental Clerk	16.30
01300 - Scheduler, Maintenance	19.15
01311 - Secretary I	19.15
01312 - Secretary II	21.42
01313 - Secretary III	23.87
01320 - Service Order Dispatcher	20.65
01410 - Supply Technician	30.78
01420 - Survey Worker	20.46
01460 - Switchboard Operator/Receptionist	14.85***
01531 - Travel Clerk I	14.23***
01532 - Travel Clerk II	14.95***
01533 - Travel Clerk III	16.15***
01611 - Word Processor I	16.92
01612 - Word Processor II	19.00
01613 - Word Processor III	20.64
05000 - Automotive Service Occupations	
05005 - Automobile Body Repairer, Fiberglass	24.93
05010 - Automotive Electrician	22.12
05040 - Automotive Glass Installer	20.19
05070 - Automotive Worker	20.19
05110 - Mobile Equipment Servicer	17.96
05130 - Motor Equipment Metal Mechanic	23.49
05160 - Motor Equipment Metal Worker	20.19
05190 - Motor Vehicle Mechanic	23.49
05220 - Motor Vehicle Mechanic Helper	16.47
05250 - Motor Vehicle Upholstery Worker	19.42
05280 - Motor Vehicle Wrecker	20.19
05310 - Painter, Automotive	22.12
05340 - Radiator Repair Specialist	20.19
05370 - Tire Repairer	16.91
05400 - Transmission Repair Specialist	23.49
07000 - Food Preparation And Service Occupations	
07010 - Baker	15.93***
07041 - Cook I	16.51
07042 - Cook II	19.11
07070 - Dishwasher	14.00***
07130 - Food Service Worker	14.31***
07210 - Meat Cutter	16.98
07260 - Waiter/Waitress	14.00***
09000 - Furniture Maintenance And Repair Occupations	
09010 - Electrostatic Spray Painter	20.01
09040 - Furniture Handler	13.81***
09080 - Furniture Refinisher	20.01
09090 - Furniture Refinisher Helper	15.02***
09110 - Furniture Repairer, Minor	17.71
09130 - Upholsterer	20.01
11000 - General Services And Support Occupations	
11030 - Cleaner, Vehicles	15.06***
11060 - Elevator Operator	15.06***
11090 - Gardener	22.58
11122 - Housekeeping Aide	15.99***
11150 - Janitor	15.99***
11210 - Laborer, Grounds Maintenance	17.15
11240 - Maid or Houseman	14.25***
11260 - Pruner	16.37
11270 - Tractor Operator	20.70
11330 - Trail Maintenance Worker	17.15

11360 - Window Cleaner	17.39
12000 - Health Occupations	
12010 - Ambulance Driver	18.87
12011 - Breath Alcohol Technician	25.71
12012 - Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant	36.88
12015 - Certified Physical Therapist Assistant	36.83
12020 - Dental Assistant	18.03
12025 - Dental Hygienist	46.93
12030 - EKG Technician	37.96
12035 - Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist	37.96
12040 - Emergency Medical Technician	18.87
12071 - Licensed Practical Nurse I	22.98
12072 - Licensed Practical Nurse II	25.71
12073 - Licensed Practical Nurse III	28.66
12100 - Medical Assistant	17.62
12130 - Medical Laboratory Technician	25.65
12160 - Medical Record Clerk	20.20
12190 - Medical Record Technician	22.60
12195 - Medical Transcriptionist	21.85
12210 - Nuclear Medicine Technologist	53.23
12221 - Nursing Assistant I	13.83***
12222 - Nursing Assistant II	15.54***
12223 - Nursing Assistant III	16.96
12224 - Nursing Assistant IV	19.03
12235 - Optical Dispenser	17.95
12236 - Optical Technician	22.98
12250 - Pharmacy Technician	21.38
12280 - Phlebotomist	20.22
12305 - Radiologic Technologist	37.12
12311 - Registered Nurse I	27.16
12312 - Registered Nurse II	33.22
12313 - Registered Nurse II, Specialist	33.22
12314 - Registered Nurse III	40.20
12315 - Registered Nurse III, Anesthetist	40.20
12316 - Registered Nurse IV	48.18
12317 - Scheduler (Drug and Alcohol Testing)	31.85
12320 - Substance Abuse Treatment Counselor	24.23
13000 - Information And Arts Occupations	
13011 - Exhibits Specialist I	24.35
13012 - Exhibits Specialist II	30.20
13013 - Exhibits Specialist III	36.93
13041 - Illustrator I	26.63
13042 - Illustrator II	32.98
13043 - Illustrator III	40.34
13047 - Librarian	36.52
13050 - Library Aide/Clerk	17.68
13054 - Library Information Technology Systems Administrator	32.98
13058 - Library Technician	21.25
13061 - Media Specialist I	23.80
13062 - Media Specialist II	26.63
13063 - Media Specialist III	29.68
13071 - Photographer I	19.80
13072 - Photographer II	22.15
13073 - Photographer III	27.45
13074 - Photographer IV	33.57
13075 - Photographer V	40.61
13090 - Technical Order Library Clerk	22.20
13110 - Video Teleconference Technician	22.15
14000 - Information Technology Occupations	
14041 - Computer Operator I	19.64
14042 - Computer Operator II	22.56
14043 - Computer Operator III	25.14
14044 - Computer Operator IV	27.94
14045 - Computer Operator V	30.94

14071 - Computer Programmer I	(see 1)	
14072 - Computer Programmer II	(see 1)	
14073 - Computer Programmer III	(see 1)	
14074 - Computer Programmer IV	(see 1)	
14101 - Computer Systems Analyst I	(see 1)	
14102 - Computer Systems Analyst II	(see 1)	
14103 - Computer Systems Analyst III	(see 1)	
14150 - Peripheral Equipment Operator		19.64
14160 - Personal Computer Support Technician		27.94
14170 - System Support Specialist		30.94
15000 - Instructional Occupations		
15010 - Aircrew Training Devices Instructor (Non-Rated)		31.85
15020 - Aircrew Training Devices Instructor (Rated)		38.53
15030 - Air Crew Training Devices Instructor (Pilot)		46.19
15050 - Computer Based Training Specialist / Instructor		31.85
15060 - Educational Technologist		39.14
15070 - Flight Instructor (Pilot)		46.19
15080 - Graphic Artist		25.15
15085 - Maintenance Test Pilot, Fixed, Jet/Prop		46.19
15086 - Maintenance Test Pilot, Rotary Wing		46.19
15088 - Non-Maintenance Test/Co-Pilot		46.19
15090 - Technical Instructor		24.78
15095 - Technical Instructor/Course Developer		30.32
15110 - Test Proctor		20.01
15120 - Tutor		20.01
16000 - Laundry, Dry-Cleaning, Pressing And Related Occupations		
16010 - Assembler		16.41
16030 - Counter Attendant		16.41
16040 - Dry Cleaner		18.75
16070 - Finisher, Flatwork, Machine		16.41
16090 - Presser, Hand		16.41
16110 - Presser, Machine, Drycleaning		16.41
16130 - Presser, Machine, Shirts		16.41
16160 - Presser, Machine, Wearing Apparel, Laundry		16.41
16190 - Sewing Machine Operator		19.53
16220 - Tailor		20.31
16250 - Washer, Machine		17.19
19000 - Machine Tool Operation And Repair Occupations		
19010 - Machine-Tool Operator (Tool Room)		29.86
19040 - Tool And Die Maker		36.19
21000 - Materials Handling And Packing Occupations		
21020 - Forklift Operator		17.89
21030 - Material Coordinator		28.50
21040 - Material Expediter		28.50
21050 - Material Handling Laborer		17.93
21071 - Order Filler	14.56***	
21080 - Production Line Worker (Food Processing)		17.89
21110 - Shipping Packer		17.48
21130 - Shipping/Receiving Clerk		17.48
21140 - Store Worker I		16.29
21150 - Stock Clerk		19.64
21210 - Tools And Parts Attendant		17.89
21410 - Warehouse Specialist		17.89
23000 - Mechanics And Maintenance And Repair Occupations		
23010 - Aerospace Structural Welder		37.68
23019 - Aircraft Logs and Records Technician		29.40
23021 - Aircraft Mechanic I		35.57
23022 - Aircraft Mechanic II		37.68
23023 - Aircraft Mechanic III		39.14
23040 - Aircraft Mechanic Helper		24.94
23050 - Aircraft, Painter		33.51
23060 - Aircraft Servicer		29.40
23070 - Aircraft Survival Flight Equipment Technician		33.51
23080 - Aircraft Worker		31.48
23091 - Aircrew Life Support Equipment (ALSE) Mechanic		31.48

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23092	- Aircrew Life Support Equipment (ALSE) Mechanic	35.57
II		
23110	- Appliance Mechanic	29.86
23120	- Bicycle Repairer	22.22
23125	- Cable Splicer	44.61
23130	- Carpenter, Maintenance	27.53
23140	- Carpet Layer	28.05
23160	- Electrician, Maintenance	35.30
23181	- Electronics Technician Maintenance I	30.34
23182	- Electronics Technician Maintenance II	32.30
23183	- Electronics Technician Maintenance III	34.29
23260	- Fabric Worker	26.20
23290	- Fire Alarm System Mechanic	23.03
23310	- Fire Extinguisher Repairer	24.24
23311	- Fuel Distribution System Mechanic	40.26
23312	- Fuel Distribution System Operator	30.78
23370	- General Maintenance Worker	21.92
23380	- Ground Support Equipment Mechanic	35.57
23381	- Ground Support Equipment Servicer	29.40
23382	- Ground Support Equipment Worker	31.48
23391	- Gunsmith I	24.24
23392	- Gunsmith II	28.05
23393	- Gunsmith III	31.69
23410	- Heating, Ventilation And Air-Conditioning Mechanic	27.22
23411	- Heating, Ventilation And Air Contidioning Mechanic (Research Facility)	28.83
23430	- Heavy Equipment Mechanic	28.51
23440	- Heavy Equipment Operator	28.78
23460	- Instrument Mechanic	33.96
23465	- Laboratory/Shelter Mechanic	29.86
23470	- Laborer	17.93
23510	- Locksmith	29.86
23530	- Machinery Maintenance Mechanic	29.63
23550	- Machinist, Maintenance	23.12
23580	- Maintenance Trades Helper	16.91
23591	- Metrology Technician I	33.96
23592	- Metrology Technician II	35.96
23593	- Metrology Technician III	37.37
23640	- Millwright	31.69
23710	- Office Appliance Repairer	21.82
23760	- Painter, Maintenance	24.42
23790	- Pipefitter, Maintenance	31.15
23810	- Plumber, Maintenance	29.34
23820	- Pneudraulic Systems Mechanic	31.69
23850	- Rigger	31.69
23870	- Scale Mechanic	28.05
23890	- Sheet-Metal Worker, Maintenance	32.24
23910	- Small Engine Mechanic	24.78
23931	- Telecommunications Mechanic I	30.44
23932	- Telecommunications Mechanic II	32.24
23950	- Telephone Lineman	34.11
23960	- Welder, Combination, Maintenance	25.85
23965	- Well Driller	31.69
23970	- Woodcraft Worker	31.69
23980	- Woodworker	24.24
24000	- Personal Needs Occupations	
24550	- Case Manager	19.09
24570	- Child Care Attendant	14.50***
24580	- Child Care Center Clerk	18.08
24610	- Chore Aide	14.35***
24620	- Family Readiness And Support Services Coordinator	19.09
24630	- Homemaker	19.09

25000 - Plant And System Operations Occupations	
25010 - Boiler Tender	40.46
25040 - Sewage Plant Operator	33.11
25070 - Stationary Engineer	40.46
25190 - Ventilation Equipment Tender	28.37
25210 - Water Treatment Plant Operator	33.11
27000 - Protective Service Occupations	
27004 - Alarm Monitor	24.99
27007 - Baggage Inspector	14.87***
27008 - Corrections Officer	44.89
27010 - Court Security Officer	42.20
27030 - Detection Dog Handler	16.64
27040 - Detention Officer	44.89
27070 - Firefighter	42.20
27101 - Guard I	14.87***
27102 - Guard II	16.64
27131 - Police Officer I	35.19
27132 - Police Officer II	39.10
28000 - Recreation Occupations	
28041 - Carnival Equipment Operator	17.71
28042 - Carnival Equipment Repairer	19.31
28043 - Carnival Worker	14.00***
28210 - Gate Attendant/Gate Tender	17.57
28310 - Lifeguard	14.47***
28350 - Park Attendant (Aide)	19.64
28510 - Recreation Aide/Health Facility Attendant	14.33***
28515 - Recreation Specialist	24.32
28630 - Sports Official	15.63***
28690 - Swimming Pool Operator	22.35
29000 - Stevedoring/Longshoremen Occupational Services	
29010 - Blocker And Bracer	28.65
29020 - Hatch Tender	28.65
29030 - Line Handler	28.65
29041 - Stevedore I	26.76
29042 - Stevedore II	30.50
30000 - Technical Occupations	
30010 - Air Traffic Control Specialist, Center (HFO) (see 2)	47.44
30011 - Air Traffic Control Specialist, Station (HFO) (see 2)	32.72
30012 - Air Traffic Control Specialist, Terminal (HFO) (see 2)	36.03
30021 - Archeological Technician I	19.91
30022 - Archeological Technician II	26.44
30023 - Archeological Technician III	27.27
30030 - Cartographic Technician	30.50
30040 - Civil Engineering Technician	30.25
30051 - Cryogenic Technician I	29.05
30052 - Cryogenic Technician II	32.09
30061 - Drafter/CAD Operator I	19.91
30062 - Drafter/CAD Operator II	26.44
30063 - Drafter/CAD Operator III	26.80
30064 - Drafter/CAD Operator IV	32.98
30081 - Engineering Technician I	19.05
30082 - Engineering Technician II	21.38
30083 - Engineering Technician III	23.92
30084 - Engineering Technician IV	29.63
30085 - Engineering Technician V	36.25
30086 - Engineering Technician VI	43.85
30090 - Environmental Technician	26.33
30095 - Evidence Control Specialist	26.23
30210 - Laboratory Technician	24.11
30221 - Latent Fingerprint Technician I	28.41
30222 - Latent Fingerprint Technician II	31.39
30240 - Mathematical Technician	27.58
30361 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant I	23.03
30362 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant II	28.53
30363 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant III	34.90

30364 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant IV	42.22
30375 - Petroleum Supply Specialist	32.09
30390 - Photo-Optics Technician	27.58
30395 - Radiation Control Technician	32.09
30461 - Technical Writer I	29.04
30462 - Technical Writer II	35.52
30463 - Technical Writer III	42.97
30491 - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technician I	30.15
30492 - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technician II	36.48
30493 - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technician III	43.72
30494 - Unexploded (UXO) Safety Escort	30.15
30495 - Unexploded (UXO) Sweep Personnel	30.15
30501 - Weather Forecaster I	29.05
30502 - Weather Forecaster II	35.34
30620 - Weather Observer, Combined Upper Air Or (see 2)	26.80
Surface Programs	
30621 - Weather Observer, Senior (see 2)	27.27
31000 - Transportation/Mobile Equipment Operation Occupations	
31010 - Airplane Pilot	36.48
31020 - Bus Aide	13.48***
31030 - Bus Driver	19.18
31043 - Driver Courier	16.82
31260 - Parking and Lot Attendant	14.29***
31290 - Shuttle Bus Driver	17.04
31310 - Taxi Driver	17.03
31361 - Truckdriver, Light	18.35
31362 - Truckdriver, Medium	19.83
31363 - Truckdriver, Heavy	22.75
31364 - Truckdriver, Tractor-Trailer	22.75
99000 - Miscellaneous Occupations	
99020 - Cabin Safety Specialist	17.79
99030 - Cashier	14.00***
99050 - Desk Clerk	15.22***
99095 - Embalmer	29.24
99130 - Flight Follower	30.15
99251 - Laboratory Animal Caretaker I	17.52
99252 - Laboratory Animal Caretaker II	19.01
99260 - Marketing Analyst	29.95
99310 - Mortician	29.24
99410 - Pest Controller	18.59
99510 - Photofinishing Worker	15.84***
99710 - Recycling Laborer	25.46
99711 - Recycling Specialist	30.78
99730 - Refuse Collector	24.30
99810 - Sales Clerk	14.44***
99820 - School Crossing Guard	15.83***
99830 - Survey Party Chief	38.09
99831 - Surveying Aide	25.28
99832 - Surveying Technician	34.64
99840 - Vending Machine Attendant	21.63
99841 - Vending Machine Repairer	27.30
99842 - Vending Machine Repairer Helper	21.63

\*\*\*Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$16.20 per hour) or 13658 (\$12.15 per hour). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information. Please also note that the minimum wage requirements of Executive Order 14026 and 13658 are not currently being enforced as to contracts or contract-like instruments entered into with the federal government in connection with seasonal recreational services or seasonal recreational equipment rental for the general public on federal lands.

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Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors, applies to all contracts subject to the Service Contract Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is the victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

ALL OCCUPATIONS LISTED ABOVE RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

HEALTH & WELFARE: \$4.80 per hour, up to 40 hours per week, or \$192.00 per week or \$832.00 per month

HEALTH & WELFARE EO 13706: \$4.41 per hour, up to 40 hours per week, or \$176.40 per week, or \$764.40 per month\*

\*This rate is to be used only when compensating employees for performance on an SCA-covered contract also covered by EO 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors. A contractor may not receive credit toward its SCA obligations for any paid sick leave provided pursuant to EO 13706.

VACATION: 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year of service with a contractor or successor, 3 weeks after 5 years, and 4 weeks after 15 years. Length of service includes the whole span of continuous service with the present contractor or successor, wherever employed, and with the predecessor contractors in the performance of similar work at the same Federal facility. (Reg. 29 CFR 4.173)

HOLIDAYS: A minimum of eleven paid holidays per year: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. (A contractor may substitute for any of the named holidays another day off with pay in accordance with a plan communicated to the employees involved.) (See 29 CFR 4.174)

THE OCCUPATIONS WHICH HAVE NUMBERED FOOTNOTES IN PARENTHESES RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

1) COMPUTER EMPLOYEES: This wage determination does not apply to any individual employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity, as defined in 29 C.F.R. Part 541. (See 41 C.F.R. 6701(3)). Because most Computer Systems Analysts and Computer Programmers who are paid at least \$27.63 per hour (or at least \$684 per week if paid on a salary or fee basis) likely qualify as exempt computer professionals under 29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) and 29 U.S.C. 213(a)(17), this wage determination may not include wage rates for all occupations within those job families. In such instances, a conformance will be necessary if there are nonexempt employees in these job families working on the contract.

Job titles vary widely and change quickly in the computer industry, and are not determinative of whether an employee is an exempt computer professional. To be exempt, computer employees who satisfy the compensation requirements must also have a primary duty that consists of:

(1) The application of systems analysis techniques and procedures, including consulting with users, to determine hardware, software or system functional specifications;

(2) The design, development, documentation, analysis, creation, testing or modification of computer systems or programs, including prototypes, based on and



related to user or system design specifications;

(3) The design, documentation, testing, creation or modification of computer programs related to machine operating systems; or

(4) A combination of the aforementioned duties, the performance of which requires the same level of skills. (29 C.F.R. 541.400).

Any computer employee who meets the applicable compensation requirements and the above duties test qualifies as an exempt computer professional under both section 13(a)(1) and section 13(a)(17) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. (Field Assistance Bulletin No. 2006-3 (Dec. 14, 2006)). Accordingly, this wage determination will not apply to any exempt computer employee regardless of which of these two exemptions is utilized.

2) AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AND WEATHER OBSERVERS - NIGHT PAY & SUNDAY PAY: If you work at night as part of a regular tour of duty, you will earn a night differential and receive an additional 10% of basic pay for any hours worked between 6pm and 6am. If you are a full-time employed (40 hours a week) and Sunday is part of your regularly scheduled workweek, you are paid at your rate of basic pay plus a Sunday premium of 25% of your basic rate for each hour of Sunday work which is not overtime (i.e. occasional work on Sunday outside the normal tour of duty is considered overtime work).

**\*\* HAZARDOUS PAY DIFFERENTIAL \*\***

An 8 percent differential is applicable to employees employed in a position that represents a high degree of hazard when working with or in close proximity to ordnance, explosives, and incendiary materials. This includes work such as screening, blending, dying, mixing, and pressing of sensitive ordnance, explosives, and pyrotechnic compositions such as lead azide, black powder and photoflash powder. All dry-house activities involving propellants or explosives. Demilitarization, modification, renovation, demolition, and maintenance operations on sensitive ordnance, explosives and incendiary materials. All operations involving re-grading and cleaning of artillery ranges.

A 4 percent differential is applicable to employees employed in a position that represents a low degree of hazard when working with, or in close proximity to ordnance, (or employees possibly adjacent to) explosives and incendiary materials which involves potential injury such as laceration of hands, face, or arms of the employee engaged in the operation, irritation of the skin, minor burns and the like; minimal damage to immediate or adjacent work area or equipment being used. All operations involving, unloading, storage, and hauling of ordnance, explosive, and incendiary ordnance material other than small arms ammunition. These differentials are only applicable to work that has been specifically designated by the agency for ordnance, explosives, and incendiary material differential pay.

**\*\* UNIFORM ALLOWANCE \*\***

If employees are required to wear uniforms in the performance of this contract (either by the terms of the Government contract, by the employer, by the state or local law, etc.), the cost of furnishing such uniforms and maintaining (by laundering or dry cleaning) such uniforms is an expense that may not be borne by an employee where such cost reduces the hourly rate below that required by the wage determination. The Department of Labor will accept payment in accordance with the following standards as compliance:

The contractor or subcontractor is required to furnish all employees with an adequate number of uniforms without cost or to reimburse employees for the actual cost of the uniforms. In addition, where uniform cleaning and maintenance is made the responsibility of the employee, all contractors and subcontractors subject to this wage determination shall (in the absence of a bona fide collective bargaining agreement providing for a different amount, or the furnishing of contrary affirmative proof as to the actual cost), reimburse all employees for such cleaning

and maintenance at a rate of \$3.35 per week (or \$.67 cents per day). However, in those instances where the uniforms furnished are made of ""wash and wear"" materials, may be routinely washed and dried with other personal garments, and do not require any special treatment such as dry cleaning, daily washing, or commercial laundering in order to meet the cleanliness or appearance standards set by the terms of the Government contract, by the contractor, by law, or by the nature of the work, there is no requirement that employees be reimbursed for uniform maintenance costs.

\*\* REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE RATE, Standard Form 1444 (SF-1444) \*\*

#### Conformance Process:

The contracting officer shall require that any class of service employee which is not listed herein and which is to be employed under the contract (i.e., the work to be performed is not performed by any classification listed in the wage determination), be classified by the contractor so as to provide a reasonable relationship (i.e., appropriate level of skill comparison) between such unlisted classifications and the classifications listed in the wage determination (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(i)). Such conforming procedures shall be initiated by the contractor prior to the performance of contract work by such unlisted class(es) of employees (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(ii)). The Wage and Hour Division shall make a final determination of conformed classification, wage rate, and/or fringe benefits which shall be paid to all employees performing in the classification from the first day of work on which contract work is performed by them in the classification. Failure to pay such unlisted employees the compensation agreed upon by the interested parties and/or fully determined by the Wage and Hour Division retroactive to the date such class of employees commenced contract work shall be a violation of the Act and this contract. (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(v)). When multiple wage determinations are included in a contract, a separate SF-1444 should be prepared for each wage determination to which a class(es) is to be conformed.

The process for preparing a conformance request is as follows:

- 1) When preparing the bid, the contractor identifies the need for a conformed occupation(s) and computes a proposed rate(s).
- 2) After contract award, the contractor prepares a written report listing in order the proposed classification title(s), a Federal grade equivalency (FGE) for each proposed classification(s), job description(s), and rationale for proposed wage rate(s), including information regarding the agreement or disagreement of the authorized representative of the employees involved, or where there is no authorized representative, the employees themselves. This report should be submitted to the contracting officer no later than 30 days after such unlisted class(es) of employees performs any contract work.
- 3) The contracting officer reviews the proposed action and promptly submits a report of the action, together with the agency's recommendations and pertinent information including the position of the contractor and the employees, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, for review (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(ii)).
- 4) Within 30 days of receipt, the Wage and Hour Division approves, modifies, or disapproves the action via transmittal to the agency contracting officer, or notifies the contracting officer that additional time will be required to process the request.
- 5) The contracting officer transmits the Wage and Hour Division's decision to the contractor.
- 6) Each affected employee shall be furnished by the contractor with a written copy of such determination or it shall be posted as a part of the wage determination (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(iii)).

Information required by the Regulations must be submitted on SF-1444 or bond paper.

When preparing a conformance request, the ""Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations"" should be used to compare job definitions to ensure that duties requested are not performed by a classification already listed in the wage determination. Remember, it is not the job title, but the required tasks that determine whether a class is included in an established wage determination. Conformances may not be used to artificially split, combine, or subdivide classifications listed in the wage determination (See 29 CFR 4.152(c)(1)).

**\*\* SERVICE CONTRACT ACT DIRECTORY OF OCCUPATIONS \*\***

The duties of employees under job titles listed are those described in the ""Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations"", Fifth Edition (Revision 1), dated September 2015, unless otherwise indicated."