

"REGISTER OF WAGE DETERMINATIONS UNDER | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
 THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT | EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION  
 By direction of the Secretary of Labor | WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
 WASHINGTON D.C. 20210

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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: | With certain exceptions Executive Order 14026 applies to the contract. | The contractor must pay all covered workers | at least \$15.00 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 2022. |

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: | With certain exceptions Executive Order 13658 applies to the contract. | The contractor must pay all covered workers | at least \$11.25 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 2022. |

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 <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts>.

State: South Dakota  
 Area: South Dakota Statewide

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

Employed on service contracts for forestry land management the cleaning of public use areas and timber inventory services.

OCCUPATION CODE - TITLE	FOOTNOTE	RATE
08010 - Brush/Precommercial Thinner		14.18***
08040 - Choker Setter	14.79***	
08070 - Faller/Bucker	17.52	
08100 - Fire Lookout	14.18***	
08130 - Forestry Equipment Operator		18.30
08160 - Forestry/Logging Heavy Equipment Operator		20.41
08190 - Forestry Technician	20.41	
08200 - Forestry Truck Driver	20.41	
08250 - General Forestry Laborer	13.63***	
08280 - Nursery Specialist	19.68	
08310 - Slash Piler/Burner	14.18***	
08340 - Tree Climber	15.87	
08370 - Tree Planter	12.67***	
08400 - Tree Planter Mechanical	12.67***	

\*\*\*Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$15.00 per hour) or 13658 (\$11.25 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:** \$4.60 per hour up to 40 hours per week or \$184.00 per week or \$797.33 per month

**HEALTH & WELFARE EO 13706:** \$4.23 per hour up to 40 hours per week or \$169.20 per week or \$733.20 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; and 3 weeks after 10 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)

**\*\* 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.

**\*\* NOTES APPLYING TO THIS WAGE DETERMINATION \*\***

Under the policy and guidance contained in All Agency Memorandum No. 159 the Wage and Hour Division does not recognize for section 4(c) purposes prospective wage rates and fringe benefit provisions that are effective only upon such contingencies as ""approval of Wage and Hour issuance of a wage determination incorporation of the wage determination in the contract adjusting the contract price etc."" (The relevant CBA section) in the collective bargaining agreement between (the parties) contains contingency language that Wage and Hour does not recognize as reflecting ""arm's length negotiation"" under section 4(c) of the Act and 29 C.F.R. 5.11(a) of the regulations. This wage determination therefore reflects the actual CBA wage rates and fringe benefits paid under the predecessor contract.

**\*\* 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.

**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. Such conformed classes of employees shall be paid the monetary wages and furnished the fringe benefits as are determined (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 retroactive to the commencement date of the contract (See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(iv)(C)(vi)). 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 Wage and Hour Division U.S. Department of Labor 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 decision to the contractor.

6) The contractor informs the affected employees.

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"" (the Directory) 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."