22.404-1 Types of wage determinations.

(a) General wage determinations.

(1) A general wage determination contains prevailing wage rates for the types of *construction* designated in the determination, and is used in contracts performed within a specified geographical area. General wage determinations contain no expiration date and remain valid until modified, superseded, or canceled by the Department of Labor. Once incorporated in a contract, a general wage determination normally remains effective for the life of the contract, unless the *contracting officer* exercises an *option* to extend the term of the contract (see 22.404-12). These determinations *shall* be used whenever possible. They are issued at the discretion of the Department of Labor either upon receipt of an agency request or on the Department of Labor's own initiative.

(2) General wage determinations are published on the *Wage Determinations at SAM.gov* website. General wage determinations are effective on the publication date of the wage determination or upon receipt of the wage determination by the *contracting* agency, whichever occurs first. "Publication" within the meaning of this section *shall* occur on the first date the wage determination is published on the *Wage Determinations at SAM.gov*. Archived *Construction* Wage Rate Requirements statute general wage determinations that are no longer current *may* be accessed in the "Archived DB WD" database on *Wage Determinations at SAM.gov* website for information purposes only. *Contracting officers may* not use an archived wage determination in a contract action without obtaining prior approval of the Department of Labor. To obtain prior approval, contact the Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, using https://www.sam.gov, or contact the *procurement agency labor advisor* listed on https://www.sam.gov.

(b) *Project wage determinations*. A project wage determination is issued at the specific request of a *contracting* agency. It is used only when no general wage determination applies, and is effective for 180 calendar days from the date of the determination. However, if a determination expires before contract award, it *may* be possible to obtain an extension to the 180-*day* life of the determination (see 22.404-5(b)(2)). Once incorporated in a contract, a project wage determination normally remains effective for the life of the contract, unless the *contracting officer* exercises an *option* to extend the term of the contract (see 22.404-12).

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