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| Wage Determination No.: 2015-5283

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Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage of \$10.15 for calendar year 2016 applies to all contracts subject to the Service Contract Act for which the solicitation was issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.15 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 calendar year 2016. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

State: Texas

Area: Texas Counties of Houston, Trinity

**Fringe Benefits Required Follow the Occupational Listing**	
OCCUPATION CODE - TITLE FOOTNOTE	RATE
01000 - Administrative Support And Clerical Occupations	
01011 - Accounting Clerk I	14.98
01012 - Accounting Clerk II	16.82
01013 - Accounting Clerk III	18.82
01020 - Administrative Assistant	25.91
01035 - Court Reporter	22.04
01041 - Customer Service Representative I	11.66
01042 - Customer Service Representative II	13.12
01043 - Customer Service Representative III	14.31
01051 - Data Entry Operator I	13.24
01052 - Data Entry Operator II	14.45
01060 - Dispatcher, Motor Vehicle	16.12
01070 - Document Preparation Clerk	13.41
01090 - Duplicating Machine Operator	13.41
01111 - General Clerk I	12.60
01112 - General Clerk II	13.75
01113 - General Clerk III	15.44
01120 - Housing Referral Assistant	20.69
01141 - Messenger Courier	13.81
01191 - Order Clerk I	13.52
01192 - Order Clerk II	15.24
01261 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) I	15.43
01262 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) II	17.27
01263 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) III	19.25
01270 - Production Control Clerk	19.17
01290 - Rental Clerk	14.75
01300 - Scheduler, Maintenance	16.59
01311 - Secretary I	16.59
01312 - Secretary II	18.57
01313 - Secretary III	20.69

01410 01420 01460 01531 01532 01533	- Service Order Dispatcher - Supply Technician - Survey Worker - Switchboard Operator/Receptionist - Travel Clerk I - Travel Clerk II - Travel Clerk III - Word Processor I	15.16 25.91 17.79 12.02 13.92 15.00 16.05 14.29
01613	- Word Processor II  - Word Processor III	16.04 17.95
05005 05010 05040 05070	Automotive Service Occupations - Automobile Body Repairer, Fiberglass - Automotive Electrician - Automotive Glass Installer - Automotive Worker - Mobile Equipment Servicer	25.76 23.79 21.96 21.96 20.23
05130 05160 05190 05220 05250	- Motor Equipment Metal Mechanic - Motor Equipment Metal Worker - Motor Vehicle Mechanic - Motor Vehicle Mechanic Helper - Motor Vehicle Upholstery Worker	25.76 21.96 25.76 19.40 20.83
05310 05340 05370	- Motor Vehicle Wrecker - Painter, Automotive - Radiator Repair Specialist - Tire Repairer - Transmission Repair Specialist	21.96 23.79 22.88 14.40 25.76
07010 07041 07042 07070 07130	Food Preparation And Service Occupations  - Baker  - Cook I  - Cook II  - Dishwasher  - Food Service Worker	10.06 9.52 10.88 8.45 9.12
07260	- Meat Cutter - Waiter/Waitress Furniture Maintenance And Repair Occupations	14.20 8.79
09040 09080 09090 09110 09130	- Electrostatic Spray Painter - Furniture Handler - Furniture Refinisher - Furniture Refinisher Helper - Furniture Repairer, Minor - Upholsterer	18.32 11.95 18.32 14.58 16.82 18.32
11030 11060 11090 11122 11150 11210 11240	General Services And Support Occupations - Cleaner, Vehicles - Elevator Operator - Gardener - Housekeeping Aide - Janitor - Laborer, Grounds Maintenance - Maid or Houseman - Pruner	10.89 9.70 14.52 9.70 9.70 10.93 8.74 9.25
11270 11330 11360	- Tractor Operator - Trail Maintenance Worker - Window Cleaner	12.82 10.93 10.79
12010 12011 12012 12015 12020 12025	Health Occupations - Ambulance Driver - Breath Alcohol Technician - Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant - Certified Physical Therapist Assistant - Dental Assistant - Dental Hygienist - EKG Technician	15.15 15.64 26.06 26.97 15.64 32.93 26.30

12035 - Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist		26.30
12040 - Emergency Medical Technician		15.15
12071 - Licensed Practical Nurse I		19.05
12072 - Licensed Practical Nurse II		21.32
12073 - Licensed Practical Nurse III		23.76
12100 - Medical Assistant		12.50
12130 - Medical Laboratory Technician		18.29
12160 - Medical Record Clerk		14.53
12190 - Medical Record Technician		16.57
12195 - Medical Transcriptionist		16.81
12210 - Nuclear Medicine Technologist		37.74
12221 - Nursing Assistant I		9.43
12222 - Nursing Assistant II		10.98
12223 - Nursing Assistant III		11.98
12224 - Nursing Assistant IV		13.45
12235 - Optical Dispenser		16.79
12236 - Optical Technician		15.35
12250 - Pharmacy Technician		19.18
12280 - Phlebotomist		13.30
12305 - Radiologic Technologist		26.70
12311 - Registered Nurse I		30.36
12312 - Registered Nurse II		38.37
12313 - Registered Nurse II, Specialist		38.37
12314 - Registered Nurse III		44.91
12315 - Registered Nurse III, Anesthetist		44.91
12316 - Registered Nurse IV		53.84
12317 - Scheduler (Drug and Alcohol Testing)	•	21.85
12320 - Substance Abuse Treatment Counselor		14.82
13000 - Information And Arts Occupations		
13011 - Exhibits Specialist I		19.30
13012 - Exhibits Specialist II		24.74
13013 - Exhibits Specialist III		28.94
13041 - Illustrator I		19.30
13042 - Illustrator II		23.91
13043 - Illustrator III		30.12
13047 - Librarian		26.69
13050 - Library Aide/Clerk		10.84
13054 - Library Information Technology Systems		24.09
Administrator		
13058 - Library Technician		16.04
13061 - Media Specialist I		17.39
13062 - Media Specialist II		19.46
13063 - Media Specialist III 13071 - Photographer I		21.68
13071 - Photographer II		15.32
13073 - Photographer III		18.15
13074 - Photographer IV		22.56 27.49
13075 - Photographer V		33.07
13090 - Technical Order Library Clerk		11.87
13110 - Video Teleconference Technician		16.73
14000 - Information Technology Occupations		10.75
14041 - Computer Operator I		17.31
14042 - Computer Operator II		19.37
14043 - Computer Operator III		21.59
14044 - Computer Operator IV		24.00
14045 - Computer Operator V		26.57
14071 - Computer Programmer I	(see 1)	26.04
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)	

		(see 1)	
		(see 1)	
	- Peripheral Equipment Operator		17.31
	- Personal Computer Support Technician		24.00
	- System Support Specialist		23.46
	Instructional Occupations		
	- Aircrew Training Devices Instructor (Non-Rated)		33.08
	- Aircrew Training Devices Instructor (Rated)		40.02
	- Air Crew Training Devices Instructor (Pilot)		47.98
	- Computer Based Training Specialist / Instructor		33.08
	- Educational Technologist		30.33
	- Flight Instructor (Pilot)		47.98
	- Graphic Artist		26.72
	- Maintenance Test Pilot, Fixed, Jet/Prop		42.03
	- Maintenance Test Pilot, Rotary Wing		42.03
	- Non-Maintenance Test/Co-Pilot		42.03
	- Technical Instructor		22.43
	- Technical Instructor/Course Developer		27.43
	- Test Proctor		18.43
	- Tutor		18.43
16000 -	Laundry, Dry-Cleaning, Pressing And Related Occup	ations	
16010	- Assembler		9.70
	- Counter Attendant		9.70
16040	- Dry Cleaner		12.45
16070	- Finisher, Flatwork, Machine		9.70
16090	- Presser, Hand		9.70
	- Presser, Machine, Drycleaning		9.70
16130	- Presser, Machine, Shirts		9.70
16160	- Presser, Machine, Wearing Apparel, Laundry		9.70
16190	- Sewing Machine Operator		13.20
	- Tailor		14.20
16250	- Washer, Machine		10.65
19000 -	Machine Tool Operation And Repair Occupations		
19010	- Machine-Tool Operator (Tool Room)		19.71
19040	- Tool And Die Maker		23.23
	Materials Handling And Packing Occupations		
21020	- Forklift Operator		14.39
	- Material Coordinator		19.46
	- Material Expediter		19.46
21050	- Material Handling Laborer		12.26
	- Order Filler		11.47
21080	- Production Line Worker (Food Processing)		14.39
21110	- Shipping Packer		14.60
21130	- Shipping/Receiving Clerk		14.60
21140	- Store Worker I		11.45
21150	- Stock Clerk		16.06
21210	- Tools And Parts Attendant		14.39
	- Warehouse Specialist		14.39
23000 -	Mechanics And Maintenance And Repair Occupations		
23010	- Aerospace Structural Welder		29.47
	- Aircraft Logs and Records Technician		24.44
	- Aircraft Mechanic I		28.07
	- Aircraft Mechanic II	•	29.05
	- Aircraft Mechanic III		30.94
	- Aircraft Mechanic Helper		21.98
	- Aircraft, Painter		25.61
	- Aircraft Servicer		24.44
	- Aircraft Survival Flight Equipment Technician		25.61
	- Aircraft Worker		25.76
	- Aircrew Life Support Equipment (ALSE) Mechanic		25.76
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23092 - Aircrew Life Support Equipment (ALSE) Mechanic	28.07
II 23110 - Appliance Mechanic	18.61
23120 - Bicycle Repairer	14.85
23125 - Cable Splicer	25.34
23130 - Carpenter, Maintenance	19.71
23140 - Carpet Layer	18.45
23160 - Electrician, Maintenance	26.51
23181 - Electronics Technician Maintenance I	23.41
23182 - Electronics Technician Maintenance II	26.28
23183 - Electronics Technician Maintenance III	27.61
23260 - Fabric Worker	17.17
23290 - Fire Alarm System Mechanic	19.95
23310 - Fire Extinguisher Repairer	15.88
23311 - Fuel Distribution System Mechanic	20.96
23312 - Fuel Distribution System Operator	16.33
23370 - General Maintenance Worker	18.08
23380 - Ground Support Equipment Mechanic	28.07
23381 - Ground Support Equipment Servicer	24.44
23382 - Ground Support Equipment Worker	25.76
23391 - Gunsmith I	15.88
23392 - Gunsmith II	18.45
23393 - Gunsmith III	20.81
23410 - Heating, Ventilation And Air-Conditioning	21.04
Mechanic	
23411 - Heating, Ventilation And Air Contditioning	21.95
Mechanic (Research Facility)	
23430 - Heavy Equipment Mechanic	19.79
23440 - Heavy Equipment Operator	19.26
23460 - Instrument Mechanic	25.87
23465 - Laboratory/Shelter Mechanic	19.71
23470 - Laborer	11.21
23510 - Locksmith	18.99
23530 - Machinery Maintenance Mechanic	24.33
23550 - Machinist, Maintenance	20.81
23580 - Maintenance Trades Helper	14.94
23591 - Metrology Technician I	25.87
23592 - Metrology Technician II	27.14
23593 - Metrology Technician III	28.38
23640 - Millwright	21.53
23710 - Office Appliance Repairer	18.99
23760 - Painter, Maintenance 23790 - Pipefitter, Maintenance	18.99
23810 - Plumber, Maintenance	22.30 21.18
23820 - Pneudraulic Systems Mechanic	20.81
23850 - Rigger	20.81
23870 - Scale Mechanic	18.45
23890 - Sheet-Metal Worker, Maintenance	19.95
23910 - Small Engine Mechanic	18.08
23931 - Telecommunications Mechanic I	26.28
23932 - Telecommunications Mechanic II	26.21
23950 - Telephone Lineman	26.13
23960 - Welder, Combination, Maintenance	20.27
23965 - Well Driller	22.89
23970 - Woodcraft Worker	20.81
23980 - Woodworker	15.04
24000 - Personal Needs Occupations	
24550 - Case Manager	14.83
24570 - Child Care Attendant	10.65
24580 - Child Care Center Clerk 24610 - Chore Aide	13.27
51010 CHOIG VING	8.09

24620 - Family Readiness And Support Services	14.83
Coordinator 24630 - Homemaker	16.84
25000 - Plant And System Operations Occupations	10.04
25010 - Boiler Tender	22.20
25040 - Sewage Plant Operator	18.70
25070 - Stationary Engineer	22.20
25190 - Ventilation Equipment Tender	14.58
25210 - Water Treatment Plant Operator	18.32
27000 - Protective Service Occupations 27004 - Alarm Monitor	16.14
27007 - Baggage Inspector	11.56
27008 - Corrections Officer	19.62
27010 - Court Security Officer	21.18
27030 - Detection Dog Handler	17.90
27040 - Detention Officer	19.62
27070 - Firefighter	20.41
27101 - Guard I	11.56
27102 - Guard II	17.90
27131 - Police Officer I 27132 - Police Officer II	24.19
28000 - Recreation Occupations	26.88
28041 - Carnival Equipment Operator	11.63
28042 - Carnival Equipment Repairer	12.46
28043 - Carnival Worker	8.62
28210 - Gate Attendant/Gate Tender	13.90
28310 - Lifeguard	12.38
28350 - Park Attendant (Aide)	15.55
28510 - Recreation Aide/Health Facility Attendant	11.35
28515 - Recreation Specialist	17.83
28630 - Sports Official 28690 - Swimming Pool Operator	12.38
29000 - Stevedoring/Longshoremen Occupational Services	17.44
29010 - Blocker And Bracer	20.52
29020 - Hatch Tender	20.52
29030 - Line Handler	20.52
29041 - Stevedore I	19.26
29042 - Stevedore II	21.74
30000 - Technical Occupations	
30010 - Air Traffic Control Specialist, Center (HFO)	40.33
30011 - Air Traffic Control Specialist, Station (HFO)	27.81
30012 - Air Traffic Control Specialist, Terminal (HFO) 30021 - Archeological Technician I	30.63
30022 - Archeological Technician II	21.56 25.47
30023 - Archeological Technician III	30.62
30030 - Cartographic Technician	30.62
30040 - Civil Engineering Technician	30.03
30051 - Cryogenic Technician I	23.90
30052 - Cryogenic Technician II	26.38
30061 - Drafter/CAD Operator I	21.56
30062 - Drafter/CAD Operator II	24.71
30063 - Drafter/CAD Operator III 30064 - Drafter/CAD Operator IV	27.56
30081 - Engineering Technician I	33.10
30082 - Engineering Technician II	20.02 22.48
30083 - Engineering Technician III	25.15
30084 - Engineering Technician IV	31.09
30085 - Engineering Technician V	38.65
30086 - Engineering Technician VI	46.10
30090 - Environmental Technician	21.57
30095 - Evidence Control Specialist	29.96

30210 - Laboratory Technician		25.92
30221 - Latent Fingerprint Technician I		23.90
30222 - Latent Fingerprint Technician II		26.38
30240 - Mathematical Technician		30.62
30361 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant I		22.52
30362 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant II		27.90
30363 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant III		34.12
30364 - Paralegal/Legal Assistant IV		41.27
30375 - Petroleum Supply Specialist		26.38
30390 - Photo-Optics Technician		30.62
30395 - Radiation Control Technician		26.38
30461 - Technical Writer I		23.21
30462 - Technical Writer II		28.38
30463 - Technical Writer III		34.93
30491 - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technician I		25.63
30492 - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technician II		31.01
30493 - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technician III		37.17
30494 - Unexploded (UXO) Safety Escort		25.63
30495 - Unexploded (UXO) Sweep Personnel		25.63
30501 - Weather Forecaster I		23.90
30502 - Weather Forecaster II		29.06
30620 - Weather Observer, Combined Upper Air Or	(see 2)	27.56
Surface Programs	(,	
30621 - Weather Observer, Senior	(see 2)	30.48
31000 - Transportation/Mobile Equipment Operation Occupat		30.40
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31010 - Airplane Pilot		29.66
31020 - Bus Aide		11.88
31030 - Bus Driver		17.06
31043 - Driver Courier		14.03
31260 - Parking and Lot Attendant		9.17
31290 - Shuttle Bus Driver		15.28
31310 - Taxi Driver		11.54
31361 - Truckdriver, Light		15.28
31362 - Truckdriver, Medium		18.98
31363 - Truckdriver, Heavy		
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31364 - Truckdriver, Tractor-Trailer		20.32
99000 - Miscellaneous Occupations		
99020 - Cabin Safety Specialist		14.46
99030 - Cashier		10.01
99050 - Desk Clerk		11.72
99095 - Embalmer		26.08
99130 - Flight Follower		24.52
99251 - Laboratory Animal Caretaker I		10.81
99252 - Laboratory Animal Caretaker II		11.78
99260 - Marketing Analyst		26.13
99310 - Mortician		
		26.44
99410 - Pest Controller		15.80
99510 - Photofinishing Worker		12.62
99710 - Recycling Laborer		16.46
99711 - Recycling Specialist		20.06
99730 - Refuse Collector		14.67
99810 - Sales Clerk		12.66
99820 - School Crossing Guard		10.96
99830 - Survey Party Chief		20.96
99831 - Surveying Aide		14.35
99832 - Surveying Technician		18.13
99840 - Vending Machine Attendant		
		13.15
99841 - Vending Machine Repairer		15.85
99842 - Vending Machine Repairer Helper		13.15

ALL OCCUPATIONS LISTED ABOVE RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

HEALTH & WELFARE: \$4.27 per hour or \$170.80 per week or \$740.13 per month

VACATION: 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year of service with a contractor or successor; 3 weeks after 10 years, and 4 after 20 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 ten paid holidays per year: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial 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: Under the SCA at section 8(b), this wage determination does not apply to any employee who individually qualifies as a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional employee as defined in 29 C.F.R. Part 541. Because most Computer System Analysts and Computer Programmers who are compensated at a rate not less than \$27.63 (or on a salary or fee basis at a rate not less than \$455 per week) an hour would likely qualify as exempt computer professionals, (29 C.F.R. 541. 400) wage rates may not be listed on this wage determination for all occupations within those job families. In addition, because this wage determination may not list a wage rate for some or all occupations within those job families if the survey data indicates that the prevailing wage rate for the occupation equals or exceeds \$27.63 per hour conformances may be necessary for certain nonexempt employees. For example, if an individual employee is nonexempt but nevertheless performs duties within the scope of one of the Computer Systems Analyst or Computer Programmer occupations for which this wage determination does not specify an SCA wage rate, then the wage rate for that employee must be conformed in accordance with the conformance procedures described in the conformance note included on this wage determination.

Additionally, because job titles vary widely and change quickly in the computer industry, job titles are not determinative of the application of the computer professional exemption. Therefore, the exemption applies only to computer employees who satisfy the compensation requirements and whose primary duty 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).
- 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.

## \*\* 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 (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)).