

Answer. Only to the same extent Wagner-Peyser Act funds may be used for this purpose. Generally, Wagner-Peyser Act funds may not pay for transportation costs, but there are two exceptions:

- Section 7(b)(2) of the Wagner-Peyser Act discusses “services for groups with special needs, carried out pursuant to joint agreements between the employment service and the appropriate workforce investment board and chief elected official or officials or other public agencies or private nonprofits organization.” Costs of transporting members of such groups may be funded from Reed Act funds.

- Section 7(b)(3), Wagner-Peyser, identifies “the extra costs of exemplary models for delivering” Wagner-Peyser services as an allowable use of Wagner-Peyser funds. If transportation were part of an exemplary service delivery model for such services, it may be funded from Reed Act.

In both cases, transportation costs would be allowable only if the transportation involves transporting customers to enable them to access and receive employment services funded under the Wagner-Peyser Act or the Reed Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration; Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits

determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date on notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled “General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts,” shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department.

Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S–3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modification to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions listed to the Government Printing Office document entitled “General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-

Bacon and Related Acts” being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

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General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determination issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon And Related Acts". This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically at no cost on the Government Printing Office site at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon>. They are also available electronically by subscription to the Davis-Bacon Online Service (<http://davisbacon.fedworld.gov>) of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068. This subscription offers value-added features such as electronic delivery of modified wage decisions directly to the user's desktop, the ability to access prior wage decisions issued during the year, extensive Help desk Support, etc.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the six separate Volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates will be distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 26th day of November, 2003.

John Frank,

Acting Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by January 5, 2003. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. Applicant

Robert A. Blanchette, Department of Plant Pathology; 1991 Upper Buford Circle; 495 Borlaug Hall, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108-6030.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Take and Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes enter the historic huts in the Ross Sea Region (Cape Evans—ASP #154, Cape Royds—ASP #156, and Discovery Hut—ASP #157) to collect samples of deterioration in and around the huts,

evaluate damage from historic chemical and fuel spills, assess microbial populations at the sites and set up environmental monitoring of humidity and temperature within the huts. This work is being done in cooperation with the conservators from the New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust and researchers from the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

Location

Cape Evans Historic Site (ASP #154), Cape Royds (ASP #156), and Discovery Hut, Ross Island (ASP #157);

Dates

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Committee on Education and Human Resources

Date and Time: December 4, 2003, 12 noon–1 p.m., Open Session.

Place: The National Science Foundation, Stafford One Building, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 220, Arlington, VA 22230.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

Matters To Be Considered:

Thursday December 4, 2003

Open Session 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Approval of the Board's response to Section 22 of the NSF Authorization Act, December, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cathy Hines, Operations Officer, NSB, (703) 292-7000, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

Cathy Hines,

Operations Officer.

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National Science Board and Its Subdivisions

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