

**SINGLE & MULTIPLE TRADE PROJECT THRESHOLDS  
FOR §§66.0903 & 103.49, Wis. Stats.  
Effective July 1, 2011**

The \$25,000 threshold for public works projects has been changed to single-trade and multiple-trade project thresholds as described below. Projects of public works with total estimated costs of completion that equal or exceed these thresholds require a prevailing wage rate determination.

**SINGLE-TRADE THRESHOLD**

A “single-trade project of public works” means a project in which a single trade accounts for 85 percent or more of the total labor cost of the project.

The single trade threshold is \$48,000.

**MULTIPLE-TRADE THRESHOLDS**

A “multiple-trade project of public works” means a project in which no single trade accounts for 85 percent or more of the total labor cost of the project.

(a) The multiple-trade threshold is \$100,000, unless a municipality falls under the description in (b).

(b) The multiple-trade threshold of \$234,000 applies to public works projects erected, constructed, repaired, remodeled, or demolished by a private contractor for:

- a city or village with a population less than 2500, or
- a town

**APPLYING THE NEW THRESHOLDS**

The department will apply the new single-trade & multiple-trade prevailing wage thresholds to projects of public works for which the prime contract is awarded on or after July 1, 2011.

**PROJECTS THAT ALREADY HAVE A PREVAILING WAGE RATE DETERMINATION BUT WERE NOT AWARDED BEFORE JULY 1, 2011**

If a project: (a) already has a prevailing wage rate determination issued by the department, (b) the prime contract was not awarded

before July 1, 2011, and (c) the total estimated cost of the project is below the new thresholds, then the local governmental unit project owner may send a letter to the department requesting that the prevailing wage rate determination be cancelled.

The cancellation request letter from the project owner **MUST** include: (a) the DWD prevailing wage rate determination number, (b) the name of the project, (c) the location of the project, (d) under which specific new threshold the project falls along with documentation of the total cost of the project, and (e) a statement that the prime contract was not awarded before July 1, 2011.

Send cancellation request letters to: DWD-ERD-Prevailing Wage, P.O. Box 8928, Madison WI 53708-8928. Once this information has been reviewed by the department, the project owner will receive back a letter indicating whether or not the prevailing wage rate determination is cancelled.