

DAVIS-BACON EQUIPMENT POLICY

Davis-Bacon applies to the installation of equipment if the following occurs:

1. Federal funds are used for the installation.
2. The acquisition of the equipment requires upgrading of the building.
3. The installation of equipment requires improvement of utilities.

If Davis-Bacon applies to the installation of equipment, it may apply to the project as a whole. To determine this you must look at factors for separability:

1. Ownership (common)
2. Use and operation (common management company)
3. Construction process (common):
 - a. Architects (same or different)
 - b. Construction companies (same or different)
 - c. Construction contracts (one or several)
 - d. Work force (same or different)
 - e. Relationship of public/private funding
4. Independence or interrelation
5. Grant documents
6. Vertical vs. horizontal (whether or not the company is doing the entire project)

Activities which traditionally trigger Davis-Bacon:

1. Built-in shelving, display cases or bookcases
2. Walk-in refrigerators
3. Interconnected heating/cooling system
4. Escalators/elevators
5. Hardwired security systems
6. Sinks, bathtubs and toilets
7. Boilers/generators
8. Items requiring outside excavation for laying wire or pipe
9. Gas or electric equipment which requires upgraded service