

When to use multiple wage schedules for a project

Generally, multiple schedules are issued if the construction items are substantial in relation to project cost -- more than approximately 20 percent.

Only one schedule is issued if construction items are "incidental" in function to the over-all character of a project (e.g. minor sewer work in a paving project), and if there is not a substantial amount of construction in the second category.

Note, however, that 20 percent is a rough guide. For example, when a project is very large, items of work of a different character may be sufficiently substantial to warrant a separate schedule even though these items of work do not specifically amount to 20 percent of the total project cost.

Included below are examples of the various types of work that may be included in the schedules. The work listed is representative of the type of work that could be performed, it is not an all inclusive list.

For a more detailed explanation of each of the wage schedules and their application, please see:

[USDOL Memorandum, 130 and 131](#)

EXAMPLES OF "HIGHWAY" WORK

Highway projects include the construction, alteration or repair of roads, streets, Highways, runways, taxiways, alleys, trails, paths, parking areas, and other similar projects not incidental to building or heavy construction.

Alleys	Base courses
Bituminous treatments	Bridle paths
Concrete pavement	Curbs
Excavation and embankment (for road construction)	Fencing (highway)
Grade crossing elimination (overpasses or underpasses)	Guard rails on highway
Highway signs	Highway bridges (overpasses; underpasses; grade separation)
Medians	Parking lots
Parkways	Resurfacing streets and highways
Roadbeds	Roadways
Runways	Shoulders
Stabilizing courses	Storm sewers incidental to road construction
Street Paving	Surface courses
Taxiways	Trails

EXAMPLES OF "HEAVY" WORK

Heavy projects are those projects that are not properly classified as either "building", "highway", or "residential". Unlike these classifications, heavy construction is not a homogeneous classification.

Because of this catch-all nature, projects within the heavy classification may sometimes be distinguished on the basis of their particular project characteristics, and separate schedules issued. For example, separate schedules may be issued for dredging projects, water and sewer line projects, dams, major bridges, and flood control projects.

Antenna towers	Bridges (major bridges designed for commercial navigation)
Breakwaters	Caissons (other than building or highway)
Canals	Channels
Channel cut-offs	Chemical complexes or facilities (other than buildings)
Cofferdams	Coke ovens
Dams	Demolition (not incidental to construction)
Dikes	Docks
Drainage projects	Dredging projects
Electrification projects (outdoor)	Flood control projects
Industrial incinerators (other than building)	Irrigation projects
Jetties	Kilns
Land drainage (not incidental to other construction)	Land leveling (not incidental to other construction)
Land reclamation	Levees
Locks, waterways	Oil refineries (other than buildings)
Pipe lines	Ponds
Pumping stations (prefabricated drop-in units - not buildings)	Railroad construction
Reservoirs	Revetments
Sewage collection and disposal Lines	Sewers (sanitary, storm, etc)
Shoreline maintenance	Ski tows
Storage tanks	Swimming pools (outdoor)
Subways (other than buildings)	Tipples
Tunnels	Unsheltered piers and wharves
Viaducts (other than highway)	Water mains
Water-way construction	Water supply lines (not incidental to building)
Water and sewage treatment plants (other than buildings)	Wells

EXAMPLES OF "BUILDING" WORK

Building construction generally is the construction of sheltered enclosures with walk-in access for the purpose of housing persons, machinery, equipment, or supplies. It includes a11 construction of such structures, the installation of utilities and the installation of equipment, both above and below grade

Alterations and additions to buildings	Apartment buildings (5 stories and above)
Arenas (enclosed)	Auditoriums
Automobile parking garages	Banks and financial buildings
Barracks	Churches
City halls	Civic centers
Commercial buildings	Court houses
Detention facilities	Dormitories
Farm buildings	Fire stations
Hospitals	Hotels
Industrial buildings	Institutional buildings
Libraries	Mausoleums
Motels	Museums
Nursing and convalescent facilities	Office buildings
Out-patient clinics	Passenger and freight terminal buildings
Police stations	Post offices Power plants
Prefabricated buildings	Remodeling buildings
Renovating buildings	Repairing buildings
Restaurants	Schools
Service stations	Shopping centers
Stores	Subway stations
Theaters	Warehouses Water and sewage treatment plants (buildings only)