

Appendix E: Federal Wage Rate Certification

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RE: TIGER Discretionary Grants

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), as administrator of highway construction projects and a signatory to the 2008 Federal-Aid Highway Program Stewardship and Oversight Agreement, will comply with Title 40, United States Code (Federal wage rate requirements) with respect to the applicability of Davis-Bacon and Related Acts requirements as stated in Section V, Part C, Construction and Contract Administration, of the Stewardship Agreement.

WSDOT uses contract specifications requiring prime contractors and all subcontractors to pay their laborers and mechanics employed under the contract a wage not less than the highest wage applicable to their work classifications, as specified by the current and applicable Federal Wage Determination. If no federal work classification appears to apply, the prime contractor shall make a written request to obtain the applicable work classifications and wage rates prior to the start of construction. When the same classification appears in both the Federal and the State Wage Decisions, the preemption noted at 24 CFR 965.101 shall apply. The prime contractor is responsible for ensuring subcontractor compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Requirements.

If WSDOT is awarded a TIGER grant for the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program, Medina to SR 202, Eastside Transit and HOV Project, we will require all prime and sub contractors to meet federal wage requirements.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Meredith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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Enclosure: TIGER Grant Application

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