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SUBJECT: Changes to Davis-Bacon and Related Acts
Construction Contract Provisions

TO: All State Directors, District Directors
County Supervisors and Director, Finance Office

We are receiving inquiries from field offices and persons outside the Agency concerning possible changes in the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contract requirements. These inquiries relate to discussions of possible changes which have appeared in various newspapers and trade journals during the last year.

To date, there have been no changes in the regulations governing the administration of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. The Department of Labor (DOL) published revised regulations in the Federal Register as part of the proposed rulemaking process December 28, 1979. After considering the comments submitted, the final regulations were published January 16, 1981, with an effective date of February 17, 1981. Implementation of these regulations was delayed in order to give the changes further consideration in accordance with Executive Order 12291. As a result of this review, new proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register August 14, 1981, and DOL is anticipating issuing the final regulations later this year.

At such time as any of these changes may become effective, we will assess the impact upon Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and take whatever action is appropriate for the affected FmHA programs. Until further notice, all applicant and borrower contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts will be reviewed, approved and administered in accordance with FmHA Instruction 1901-D. Also, contracts for repair of inventory property subject to the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts will be administered in accordance with FmHA Instruction 1955-D and the Handbook on Contract Administration for Inventory Property and Program Services.

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EXPIRATION DATE: March 31, 1983

FILING INSTRUCTION: Preceding
FmHA Instruction 1901-D

