

DOL Announces Proposed Rule on Powered Industrial Trucks

On Wednesday, the Department of Labor (DOL) issued a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) by the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to update the design and construction requirements for OSHA's powered industrial trucks standards for general industry and construction. This includes standards for fork trucks, tractors, platform lift trucks, motorized hand trucks and other specialized industrial trucks powered by an electric motor or an internal combustion engine.

Under the proposed rule, OSHA will update standards by adding references to the latest design and construction requirements published by the American National Standards Institute in conjunction with the Industrial Truck Standards Development Foundation. In addition to updating the design and construction requirements for future manufactured powered industrial trucks, the proposed rule will also address equipment manufactured before the effective date of the final rule.

NDA will be reviewing OSHA's proposed rule and will submit comments on behalf of the demolition industry later this spring. The deadline for submitting comments is May 17, 2022.

DOL Announces Compliance Webinars for Federal Contactors on Infrastructure Law

Last November, President Biden signed the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law. Most of the projects funded or assisted through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will be subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage labor standards and construction workers on these projects must be paid at least the locally prevailing wage and fringe benefits required for the work they perform.

To assist contracting agencies, contractors, unions, workers and other stakeholders in understanding and meeting Davis-Bacon compliance requirements, the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division will present an interactive webinar, "Davis-Bacon Labor Standards for Infrastructure Projects," on Feb. 28 and March 1, 2022. Participants may register for either date.

The webinar will offer an overview of the Davis-Bacon compliance requirements followed by a Q&A session. Participants will be able to submit questions in advance or during the webinar. Attendance is free, but registration is required. Members can [register here](#).

Congress Passes Legislation to Avert Government Shutdown

This week, Congress passed a short-term continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government at existing levels through March 11, 2022. The CR will provide time for Congress to come to an agreement on a long-term omnibus bill that will fund the government through the remainder of the fiscal year (Sept. 30, 2022). Both House and Senate appropriators recently agreed to a general framework that paves the way for an omnibus bill next month.

