NDA Submits Comments on Davis-Bacon Act Proposed Rule

On Tuesday, NDA <u>submitted comments</u> to the Department of Labor (DOL) on their <u>proposed rule</u> to update the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts regulation. DOL is proposing to amend regulations issued under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts that set forth rules for the pre-determination of Davis-Bacon wage rates and the administration and enforcement of the Davis-Bacon labor standards that apply to federal and federally assisted construction projects.

The DOL is proposing to add a new sub-definition to the term "construction, prosecution, completion, or repair" in the regulation, to better clarify when demolition and similar activities are covered by the Davis-Bacon labor standards. Due to concerns regarding the impact that the proposed rule could have on small contractors, NDA requested that the DOL remove the new sub-definition on demolition in the final rule.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Advocacy also submitted comments on the proposed rule and recommended that the DOL reassess the impact of this proposed rule on small entities in a new Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. The SBA Office of Advocacy argued that the DOL's Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is deficient and does not properly inform the public about the impact of this rule on small entities. A summary of their comments can be found here.

DOL to Offer Prevailing Wage Webinars for Federal Contractors

The Department of Labor (DOL) will offer online compliance seminars for contracting agencies, contractors, unions, workers and other stakeholders to provide information on the requirements governing payment of prevailing wages on federally funded construction and service contracts.

Offered by the department's Wage and Hour Division, the seminars are part of the division's ongoing effort to increase awareness and improve compliance with federal prevailing wage requirements.

The seminars will include on-demand video training on many Davis-Bacon and Related Acts and McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act topics. In addition, online Question & Answer sessions on DBRA and SCA compliance will be offered live in June and September.

Davis-Bacon Act compliance Q&As are scheduled on June 14 and Sept. 13, and Service Contract Act compliance Q&As are scheduled on June 15 and Sept. 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. EDT.

While seminar attendance is free, registration is required. Register to attend the Prevailing Wage seminar here.