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HUD Revises Federal Labor Standards Requirements Handbook

On the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [announced](#) that it has issued a [revised edition](#) of HUD Handbook 1344.1, Federal Labor Standards Requirements in Housing and Urban Development Programs. In its [transmittal letter](#), HUD provides this description of the handbook:

This Handbook prescribes the policies, procedures, and responsibilities of HUD Office of Davis-Bacon Labor Standards ([DBLS](#)) staff and program participants in the administration and enforcement of labor standards provisions related to HUD programs. This issuance contains twelve chapters and associated appendices dealing primarily with labor standards matters relating to Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. The issuance also addresses the procedures and responsibilities of DBLS staff, public housing agencies and tribally designated housing entities in the administration and enforcement of labor standards provisions relating to prevailing wage rates determined by HUD pursuant to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 and Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (each as amended).

The new edition, identified as Rev 3, makes the following changes:

- Clarifies DBLS staff responsibilities and the responsibilities of HUD program participants.
- Updates and enhances DBLS policies and procedures concerning day-to-day program administration and enforcement.
- Streamlines DBLS administration and compliance review requirements.

The revised handbook is now available [here](#) on HUDCLIPS.



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