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**Look Out Surveying and Mapping
Firms, Labor Unions Are Coming**

After You

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Background

- + For more than 50 years, the U.S. Department of Labor held survey crews are not “laborers and mechanics” and therefore exempt from the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq), except to the extent crews are “clearing brush or sharpening stakes”.

Background

- + In March, 2013, the Wage and Hour Division of the Labor Department issued AAM212, expanding the coverage of survey crews under the federal “prevailing wage” law.

Background

- + Ruling was made at the request of the International Union of Operating Engineers
- + No public notice, request for public comment, small business or economic analysis, or engagement with the private sector (NSPS, MAPPS, ACEC, etc.)

Background

- + Action may violate the Administrative Procedures Act, Paperwork Reduction Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Sunshine in Government Act, Paperwork Reduction Act, and Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act.
- + Labor Dept has violated Freedom of Information Act and ignored Congressional requests.

Background

- + Recent union activity:
 - Illinois unions pushing a “Project Labor Agreement” on all A/E contracts (IDOT), including surveying and mapping.
 - International Operating Engineers Union is pushing “Apprenticeability Determination” for Chainman/Rodman at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Background

- + A 1965 bulletin by the United States Department of Labor referred to "featherbedding" as:
"a derogatory term applied to a practice, working rule, or agreement provision which limits output or requires employment of excess workers and thereby creates or preserves soft or unnecessary jobs; or to a charge or fee levied by a union upon a company for services which are not performed or not to be performed."

For full information

- + Go to:
- + www.nsps.us.com
- + Click on “Advocacy”
- + Click on “Government Affairs”
- + Click on “Davis-Bacon Act Page”



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