

## **Davis-Bacon and Related Acts**

### **Construction Categories: Definitions and Examples**

#### **Building:**

Building construction generally is the construction of sheltered enclosures with walk-in access for the purpose of housing persons, machinery, equipment, or supplies. It includes all construction of such structures, the installation of utilities and the installation of equipment, both above and below grade.

- Alterations and additions to buildings
- Banks and financial buildings
- Churches
- Civic centers
- Court houses
- Dormitories
- Fire stations
- Hotels
- Institutional buildings
- Mausoleums
- Museums
- Office buildings
- Passenger and freight terminal buildings
- Post offices
- Prefabricated buildings
- Renovating buildings
- Restaurants
- Service stations
- Stores
- Theaters
- Water and sewage treatment plants (buildings only)
- Automobile parking garages
- Barracks
- City halls
- Commercial buildings
- Detention facilities
- Farm buildings
- Hospitals
- Industrial buildings
- Libraries
- Motels
- Nursing and convalescent facilities
- Out-patient clinics
- Police stations
- Power plants
- Remodeling buildings
- Repairing buildings
- Schools
- Shopping centers
- Subway stations
- Warehouses

#### **Residential Construction:**

Residential projects for Davis-Bacon purposes are those involving the construction, alteration, or repair of single-family houses or apartment buildings of no more than four (4) stories in height. This includes all incidental items such as site work, parking areas, utilities, streets, and sidewalks.

- Town or row houses
- Single-family houses
- Multi-family houses
- Apartment buildings (4 stories or less)
- Mobile home developments
- Married student housing

### **Heavy Construction:**

Heavy construction projects are those projects that are not properly classified as “building”, “highway”, or “residential”. Unlike the other classifications, heavy construction is not a homogeneous classification. Because of this catch-all nature, projects within the heavy classification may sometimes be distinguished on the basis of their particular project characteristics and separate schedules issued. For example, separate schedules may be issued for dredging projects, water and sewer line projects, dams, major bridges, and flood control projects.

- Antenna towers
- Breakwaters
- Caissons (other than building or highway)
- Channels
- Chemical complexes or facilities (other than buildings)
- Dams
- Dikes
- Drainage projects
- Electrification projects (outdoors)
- Industrial incinerators (other than building)
- Jetties
- Land drainage (not incidental to other construction)
- Land reclamation
- Locks, waterways
- Pipe lines
- Pumping stations (prefabricated drop-in units -- not buildings)
- Revetments
- Sewers (sanitary, storm, etc.)
- Ski tows
- Swimming pools (outdoors)
- Tipples
- Unsheltered piers and wharves
- Water mains
- Water supply lines (not incidental to building)
- Wells
- Bridges (major bridges designed for commercial navigation)
- Canals
- Channel cut-offs
- Cofferdams
- Coke ovens
- Demolition (not incidental to construction)
- Docks
- Dredging projects
- Flood control projects
- Irrigation projects
- Kilns
- Land leveling (not incidental to other construction)
- Levees
- Oil refineries (other than buildings)
- Ponds
- Railroad construction
- Reservoirs
- Sewage collection and disposal lines
- Shoreline maintenance
- Storage tanks
- Subways (other than buildings)
- Tunnels
- Viaducts (other than highway)
- Waterway construction
- Water and sewage treatment plants (other than buildings)

**Highway Construction:**

Highway projects include the construction, alteration, or repair of roads, streets, highways, runways, taxiways, alleys, trails, paths, parking areas, and other similar projects not incidental to building or heavy construction.

- Alleys
- Bituminous treatments
- Concrete pavement
- Excavation and embankments (for road construction)
- Guard rails on highway
- Highway signs
- Medians
- Parking lots
- Resurfacing streets and highways
- Roadways
- Shoulders
- Storm sewers incidental to road construction
- Surface courses
- Trails
- Base courses
- Bridle paths
- Curbs
- Fencing (highway)
- Grade crossing elimination (overpasses or underpasses)
- Highway bridges (overpasses; underpasses; grade separation)
- Parkways
- Roadbeds
- Runways
- Stabilizing courses
- Street paving
- Taxiways