

## **USDOL issued new wage tables for Highway construction on October 9, 2009**

The federal government has adopted new wage scales for Florida. The adoption of the scales came over vigorous objection from industry and FDOT. These wages apply to federal aid projects beginning with the Oct. 19 letting. See following announcement from FDOT:

The USDOL issued new wage tables for Highway construction on October 9, 2009. In some instances, these new tables have rates that are significantly higher than the old rates and quite possibly higher than what contractors are currently paying. Accordingly, these new requirements may increase the contractor's costs and they will need to consider this in their bids. The new wage rate tables will apply to contracts let October 19 and after. The FDOT will be amending Specification packages for all Federal-aid contracts to specify the newly-designated wage tables (USDOL did not merely update existing tables, they issued a new series of 59 tables for Highway construction; FL 282 through FL 340). The wage tables may be accessed on FDOT website at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/construction/Wage.shtm>