



# Common Compliance Pitfalls You Can Avoid Using Time Tracking Tech

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# Understanding prevailing wage and the business opportunity

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## Big investment in public projects = lots of potential work

1. **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal (aka Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act)**  
Grants for roads, bridges & other major projects (transportation, broadband, water)
2. **Inflation Reduction Act**  
Clean energy construction tax credits
3. **CHIPS Act**  
Semiconductor; supply chain projects

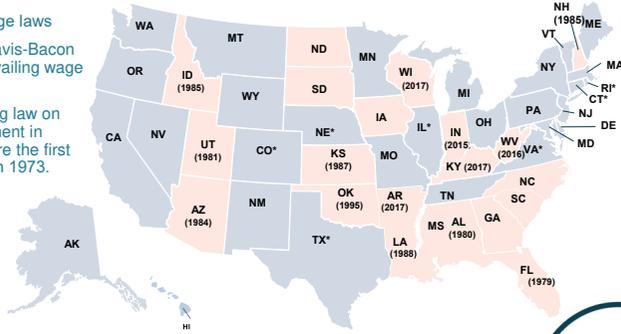
Plus...other Federal, state and locally funded projects



## State Prevailing Wage Laws

- **\*21 states** have no prevailing wage laws
- **\*8 states and D.C.** use federal Davis-Bacon determinations for their state prevailing wage rates.
- Michigan enacted a new prevailing law on March 24, 2023, following enactment in Virginia on May 1, 2021. These are the first states to do so since Minnesota in 1973.

- No prevailing wage law (date of repeal)
- Prevailing wage law



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## Publicly funded work has upsides... and downsides

### Compliance requirements:

- EEOC recruiting rules
- Diversity requirements
- **Pay requirements...prevailing wage & certified payroll**
- Certified payrolls/payroll systems: problem of tracking employees who multi-skill across different trades.
- Contractors price in perceived risk and legal fees to interpret unclear rules.



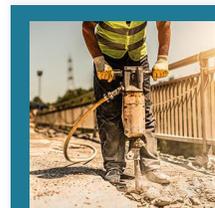
## Failure to comply carries potential risk

- Financial liability for underpayments
- Damages
- Civil or criminal prosecution
- Disqualification from future public jobs

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## Three components related to hours/pay



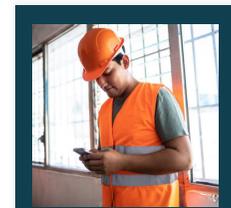
### Davis-Bacon Act

Requirements for paying workers on Federally funded



### Prevailing

What **wage** rates are generally being paid in a specific region



### Certified pay

Records that proves workers are paid prevailing wages

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- Mandates workers don't receive below-average wages while working on federally funded construction projects & public works
- Applies to any job over \$2k
- Contractor must pay workers no less than the prevailing wage as on similar projects



**Davis-Bacon Act**  
Requirements for paying workers on Federal or Federally funded contracts

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## Prevailing wage is determined by the DOL

*A prevailing wage is the combination of the basic hourly wage rate and any fringe benefits rate, paid to workers in a specific classification of laborer or mechanic in the area where construction, alteration, or repair is performed, as determined by the Secretary of Labor.*

Varies by region, worker classification, type of project

The WHD sends surveys to every construction firm in a given region. Once the survey results are received, if 30% or more of workers in a classification have the same wage, that is deemed to "prevail" (prior to the August 2023 final rule, this was set at 50%)



**Prevailing wage**  
What workers are generally being paid in a specific region

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## Certified payroll is an exercise in weekly reporting on subject projects

Using Federal Form WH-347, contractors must document various data including:

- Job classification
- Daily, weekly and total hours
- Rate of pay
- Deductions
- Amount paid in payroll

Submission is certified by signing the statement of compliance included in the form.



**Certified payroll**  
Reporting that proves workers are paid prevailing wages

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## Accurate hours are the foundation for certified payroll



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## Reporting requires accurate recordkeeping

- Capture data needed for prevailing wage tracking/certification
- Multiple job codes, data trail, reporting
- Beyond what can be accomplished with paper timecards or spreadsheets



## Potential pitfalls

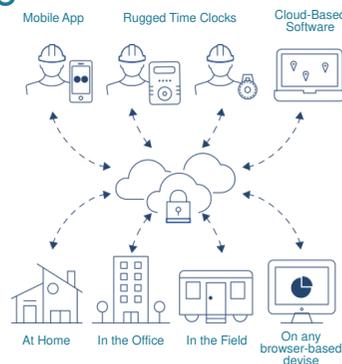
- Issues with subs not paying correctly—you're on the hook for liability
- Wrong worker classification or wrong location
- Incorrect mapping with payroll software
- “Substantial time”
- Using apprentices/tracking their time correctly



## Time Tracking Software

Software/Cloud based solutions gives you the power to manage employee time records, job costing information, locations, and other field data easily and efficiently.

**Solves for accuracy and reporting needs of prevailing wage jobs.**



## How can software be used for prevailing wage projects?

- Solution designed for variable-pay scenarios including prevailing wage
- Solutions are configurable for alternative pay
- Create job and cost codes for prevailing wage work
- Established integrations with payroll software
- At-a-glance oversight in dashboards
- Certified job reports



## Overtime compliance tracking pitfalls

- Manual or spreadsheet calculations of overtime rules can be error prone and not time effective
- Incorrect pay impacts administrator time and employee morale



## Let software do the math

### Weekly Overtime

- Time after 4h 00m will be calculated as overtime (OT1)
- Time after 6h 00m will be calculated as doubletime (OT2)

### Daily Overtime

- Time after 8h 00m will be calculated as overtime (OT1)
- Time after 12h 00m will be calculated as doubletime (OT2)



## Let software do the math

### Day of Week Overtime

DAY	OVERTIME STARTS AT	DOUBLETIME STARTS AT	EXCLUDE*
Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> 0h 00m	<input type="checkbox"/> 0h 00m	<input type="checkbox"/>
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\*Time on this day will not be included when calculating daily or weekly overtime



## Let software do the math

### Consecutive Day Overtime

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Fifth in a row	<input type="checkbox"/> 0h 00m	<input type="checkbox"/> 0h 00m
Sixth in a row	<input type="checkbox"/> 0h 00m	<input type="checkbox"/> 0h 00m
Seventh in a row	<input type="checkbox"/> 0h 00m	<input type="checkbox"/> 0h 00m



## Meal Break compliance

- California can set the tone for employer compliance
- California Meal/Break compliance is strict and can incur employees fine



## Meal Break Policies

**Meal Breaks**

What type of Meal Break?

Auto Lunch

Manual Meal Break

Specify meal break duration?

Employee must take a  break for every  of time worked.

Employees clocking in early from meal break

Prevent employee

Warn employee

Warning Message

Warning message text would go here

Notify employees about meal breaks (mobile only)

Before break

Send notification to employee  before their break.

Break end time

Send notification to employee  before their break ends.



## Software based class/activity code curtaining

Alpine Park

General Policies Pictures GPS JobChecks Field Notes Viewsets

This location has access to

Selected cost codes

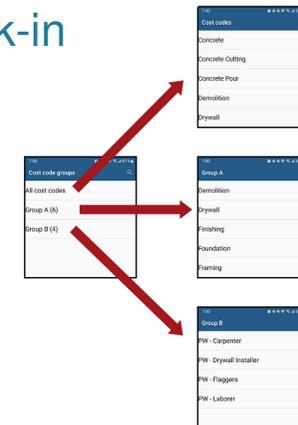
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## Employee clock-in



## Electronic employee timecard

DATE	LOCATION	COST CODE	START	STOP	REG	OT1	OT2	HOURS
Mon 11/2/2020	19-042 - Greg's Game ...	Drywall	8:00 AM	9:00 PM	8.00	1.00	--	9.00
	19-042 - Greg's Game ...	Drywall	4:20 PM	4:50 PM	--	-0.50	--	-0.50
	Total Hours							
Tue 11/3/2020	19-042 - Greg's Game ...	Drywall	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	5.00	--	--	5.00
	19-042 - Greg's Game ...	Framing	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	3.00	1.00	--	4.00
	19-042 - Greg's Game ...	Drywall	4:20 PM	4:50 PM	--	-0.50	--	-0.50
Total Hours								8.50

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## How is compliance risk reduced using software-based time keeping?

- Electronic paper trail including employee sign-off
- Data accuracy
- Documentation for audit
- Electronic record retention



## Summary: Effective Ways to Prove Prevailing Wage and Overtime and Break Compliance



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## When choosing a software solution

- Prevailing Wage Support
- Automatic Overtime Calculations based on your rules
- Meal Break Compliance
- Other Features to fit your business needs
  - Geolocation services
  - Mobile Forms for safety checklist or other compliance forms
  - Scheduling
  - Third party accounting and payroll integrations

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