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Mr. Robert Abild
Owner
Atlantic Steel Erectors, LTD.
1711 East 7th
Atlantic, Iowa 50023

Dear Mr. Abild:

Subject: Atlantic Steel Erectors, LTD.
Contract No. DACW45-85-C-0185
DOL File No. 86-707-03192

The Assistant Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated May 9, 1988, recommended to our Office that Atlantic Steel Erectors, LTD., and Robert Abild, individually and as owner of Atlantic Steel Erectors, LTD., be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982), with respect to the above-referenced contract.

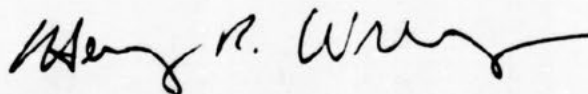
We concur with the Assistant Administrator's recommendation. The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is to debar persons or firms whom he finds have disregarded their obligations to employees under the Act. 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2. Our review of the record confirms that there were substantial violations in this case which constitute a disregard of obligations to employees with respect to the minimum wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Accordingly, Atlantic Steel Erectors, LTD., and Robert Abild, individually and as its owner, will be included on a list to be distributed to all departments of the government. Pursuant to statutory direction at 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2, no contract shall be awarded to them or to any firm,

corporation, partnership, or association in which they, or any of them have an interest until 3 years have elapsed from the date of publication of such list.

Atlantic Steel Erectors, LTD., and Mr. Robert Abild, its owner, have made full restitution by paying the employees of the firm the back wages due them in the total amount of \$11,642.71. The amount paid consists of \$11,607.37 due under the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act and \$35.34 owing under the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

Sincerely yours,



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