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Mr. James F. Craig, President  
Mr. Howard D. Watson, Vice-President  
Hambrick-Craig General Contractors, Inc.  
1312 Thirteenth Street  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

Dear Messrs. Craig and Watson:

Subject: James F. Craig, President  
Howard D. Watson, Vice-President  
Hambrick-Craig General Contractors, Inc.  
Wichita Falls, Texas  
Contract No. HQ-82-PRS-122  
Branch Exchange (Regimental)  
Sheppard AFB, Texas

DOL File No. TX-83-403

The Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated July 17, 1987, recommended to our Office that Hambrick-Craig General Contractors, Inc., and James F. Craig, individually and as president, and Howard D. Watson, individually and as vice-president, 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 contract.

We concur with the 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 the obligation to employees with respect to the minimum wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Accordingly, Hambrick-Craig General Contractors, Inc., and James F. Craig, individually and as president, and Howard D. Watson, individually and as vice-president, will be included on a list of ineligible bidders 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.

The unpaid back wages for the violations were in the amount of \$8,974.63. However, only \$3,925.08 is available for disbursement. When the funds are received, they will be disbursed to the wage claimants in accordance with established procedures.

Sincerely yours,



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