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Office of the General Counsel

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Mr. John E. Wasson, President Ever-Ready Construction, Inc. 509 Buckley Road Suite D Aurora, Colorado 80011

Dear Mr. Wasson:

Subject: Langfur Construction Corp. - Prime Contractor Ever-Ready Construction, Inc. - Subcontractor Contract No. FO 5611-83-C0073 Renovate Cadet Dormitories Colorado Springs, Colorado DOL File No. COL-84-403

The Assistant Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated November 15, 1985, recommended to our Office that Ever-Ready Construction, Inc., and John E. Wasson, individually and as president of Ever-Ready Construction, Inc., be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. § 327 et seq., with respect to the above contract.

We concur with the Assistant Administrator's recommendation. The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is to bar 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, Ever-Ready Construction, Inc., and John E. Wasson, individually and as its 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 back wages due your employees, computed in the amount of \$12,221.30, were paid to them by the prime contractor.

Sincerely yours,

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Associate General Counsel

cc: Sylvester L. Green, Director Contract Standards Operations U.S. Department of Labor Room S3518 200 Constitution Avenue, NW. Washington, D.C. 20210

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