

DATE: March 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Rental Rate Blue Book
Voiding of Calendar Year 2016 Rates

TO: District Executives
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This policy has no impact on the Project Delivery process.

In keeping with current Department policy regarding the use of older Blue Book rates, we are hereby providing notification that **effective January 16, 2018, Blue Book rates dated 2016 will be considered void and will no longer be accepted.**

As a reminder, Blue Book rates in effect as of the first day that work is performed on a specific force account remain applicable throughout the performance of such work. Therefore, equipment costs associated with force account work that commenced prior to January 16, 2018 may be computed using Blue Book rates dated 2016. There is no requirement to switch to more recent rates, even if a portion of the work is performed after January 16, 2018. Blue Book rates dated 2017 or more recently are applicable to force account work that begins on or after January 16, 2018.

In order to ensure that all Department contractors and subcontractors are in compliance, the information in this letter should be shared at project control meetings (existing projects) and at preconstruction conferences (new projects).

Questions or concerns regarding this letter should be directed to James Goodrich, Highway Delivery Division, Contract Management Section, at (570) 368-5603.

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