

# InterOffice Memo

Department of Workforce Development

*Date:* June 14, 2005

*To:* Job Center Staff, Job Order Writing Staff, and Supervisors

*From:* Brian Solomon, Director  
Job Service Bureau

*Subject:* **Update: Madison Minimum Wage Rescinded**

## Purpose

This memo rescinds the memo of January 12, 2005 concerning the Madison Minimum Wage ordinance. See previously issued memo at <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/erswjios/archive/011205WJOS.pdf>

## Background

The Wisconsin Legislature has recently passed a law (Act 12) prohibiting local municipalities from enacting local minimum wage laws. The law takes effect on June 16, 2005 and voids the minimum wage ordinances enacted by Madison, Milwaukee, La Crosse and Eau Claire. Only the Madison ordinance was in effect at the time of this legislative action. Act 12 establishes a single statewide minimum wage.

For your information, Act 12 does not affect so called "living wage" ordinances that require contractors to pay a certain wage as part of the contract requirements with a local municipality. Neither does it affect requirements for prevailing wages on other government contracts. Our Job Order Policy does not require compliance with either of these two situations.

## Action

Staff need to change any open job orders that have compensation based on the old Madison minimum wage ordinance to reflect the new state minimum wage rates.

All new job orders must meet the requirements of new state minimum wage. See [http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/labor\\_standards\\_bureau/lis\\_pdf\\_files/erd\\_9247\\_p.pdf](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/labor_standards_bureau/lis_pdf_files/erd_9247_p.pdf) for details.

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