Work upon a public work requires prevailing wages. For purposes of Washington State prevailing wage regulations, chapter 39.12 RCW and chapter 296-127 WAC, some work on office cubicles for state or municipal agencies does not amount to work upon a public work (and therefore would not require prevailing wages).

This policy addresses prevailing wage requirements for the assembly, installation, disassembly and delivery of cubicles, furniture, modular furniture systems, partitions or a similar product.

The moving, transport, delivery, assembly and placement of furniture (chairs, tables, cabinets, modular work stations, etc.) does not require the payment of prevailing wages with the following three exceptions:

1. Attachment to a building or other structure requires the payment of prevailing wages. Electrical work (including connecting electricity between modular work station panels), plumbing work and attachment of furniture (work station panels, stadium seats, etc.) are examples of attaching furniture to a structure.

2. Disassembly, moving and reassembly necessitated by a public works contract. For example, furniture sometimes must be moved in order to accomplish work such as painting, floor covering, ceiling work, etc. This furniture-handling must be paid at prevailing wage rates.

3. The transport and delivery of nonstandard items to be installed as fixtures including custom-fabricated furniture made and installed to contract specifications must be paid at prevailing wage rates.