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The following are frequently asked questions regarding prevailing wage for public works projects.

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Must authorities providing financial assistance (i.e. loans, loan guarantees, expenditures, investments, tax exemptions, incentives, or other financial assistance) for private sector construction projects comply with the Prevailing Wage Act?

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Do the requirements of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (PWA) and the Public Works Contractor Registration Act apply to New Jersey Department of the Treasury Cooperative Purchasing Contracts?

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