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# NOTICES

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

### Consumer Price Index Adjustment of Base Amounts on Bids Effective January 1, 2023

[52 Pa.B. 7567]  
[Saturday, December 10, 2022]

Each year the Department of Labor and Industry (Department) is required by the following statutes to publish changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public bids, telephonic bids or separate bids, or both, for certain contracts. The Department is required to announce the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): All Items (CPI-U) for the United States City Average for the 12-month period ending September 30 of each year. The Department utilizes the most current nonseasonally adjusted series, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which at present uses 1982—1984 as the index base period (set equal to 100). The percentage change for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2022, is 8.2%.

The change to the base rate is determined as follows:

1) Calculate the percentage change in CPI-U (I) from September 2021 to September 2022. This is derived as  $I = (CPI_{22} - CPI_{21}) / CPI_{21}$ , where the subscripts refer to September 2022 and 2021 values of CPI-U. As reported by the BLS these values are  $(296.808 - 274.310) / 274.310 = +22.498 / 274.310 = +8.2017\%$ , which when rounded to 1 decimal place = 8.2%. (This was also reported as 8.2% in Table A of the BLS News release on the Consumer Price Index Summary for September 2022.)

2) The legislation puts a floor of 0 and a cap of 3% on the percentage change to be utilized in the calculations (technically these restrictions are on the Preliminary Adjusted Base (PAB), defined in step 4, however this is mathematically equivalent). The truncated value of the percentage change to be used in the adjustment formula is denoted as PC, resulting in:

- a)  $PC = I$ , for  $0 \leq I \leq 3\%$ ,
- b)  $PC = 0$ , for  $I < 0$  and
- c)  $PC = 3\%$ , for  $I > 3\%$ .

3) The base value (either original for new legislation or the prior year's PAB) is designated as B and the product of B and PC (determined previously) is P. (There are different values of the base depending on the entity and the type of bid, so technically B could be designated with 2 subscripts. For illustration purposes, the subscripts are omitted.) Then  $P = B * PC$ . A common value for the base amount in 2022 for a public bid is \$21,890.83. (The other two prior PABs, which are this year's bases for a variety of bid types, were \$11,832.87 and \$29,582.19.) For example, using  $B = \$21,890.83$ , results in  $P = \$21,890.83 * 3.0\% = \$656.72$ . (Since  $I = 8.2\%$ ,  $PC = 3\%$  as stated previously in 2c.)

4) Then the Preliminary Adjusted Base, PAB = P + B, which reduces to \$656.72 + \$21,890.83 = \$ 22,547.55.

5) The Final Adjusted Base Amount, FAA, (which is used as the limit for the next year that is 2023) is the PAB rounded to the nearest 100. Therefore, the FAA = \$22,500.00.

<i>Entity and Legislation</i>	<i>Final Adjusted Base Amount for Use in 2023</i>			
	<i>Public Bid</i>	<i>Written/ Telephonic Bid</i>	<i>Separate Bids</i>	<i>Concessions</i>
The County Code (16 P.S. §§ 1216-B, 1801—1803, 1955, 2317 and 2650)	\$22,500	\$12,200	\$22,500	
County Correctional Institutions (61 Pa.C.S. § 1735)	\$22,500	\$12,200	\$22,500	
Second Class County Code (16 P.S. §§ 3112, 5001, 5407, 5511-A, 5517 and 5704.1)	\$22,500	\$12,200	\$22,500	
Public School Code (24 P.S. §§ 1-120, 7-751 and 8-807.1)	\$22,500	\$12,200	\$22,500	
Public School Code, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (24 P.S. § 19-1913.1-B)	\$22,500			
Public School Code, State System of Higher Education (24 P.S. §§ 20-2003-A.1 and 20-2010-A)	\$22,500			
Prevention and Control of Floods, Flood Control Districts (32 P.S. §§ 662 and 662.1)	\$22,500			
Housing Authorities (35 P.S. § 1551)	\$22,500	\$12,200		
Intergovernmental Cooperation (53 Pa.C.S. §§ 2308, 2311 and 2312)	\$22,500	\$12,200		
General Municipal Law, Flood Control (53 P.S. § 2863)	\$22,500	\$12,200		
Political Subdivisions Joint Purchases Law (53 P.S. § 5432)	\$22,500	\$12,200		
Parking Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5511)	\$30,500	\$12,200		
Municipal Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5614)	\$22,500	\$12,200		
Second Class County Code—Residential Finance Authorities (16 P.S. § 5208-A)	\$22,500	\$12,200		
Public Auditorium Authorities Law (53 P.S. § 23851)	\$22,500	\$12,200		
Third Class City Code (11 Pa.C.S. §§ 11901.1, 11901.2, 11901.4, 11902, 11903.1 and 11909)	\$22,500		\$22,500	
Boroughs and Incorporated Towns (8 Pa.C.S. §§ 1402, 1403 and 1405)	\$22,500	\$12,200	\$22,500	
Incorporated Towns (53 P.S. §§ 53202, 53202.1, 53203, 53203.1 and 53205)	\$22,500	\$12,200	\$22,500	
First Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 56802, 56803 and 56805)	\$22,500	\$12,200	\$22,500	
Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 68102 and 68107)	\$22,500	\$12,200	\$22,500	

Economic Development Financing Law (73 P.S. § 382) \$22,500 \$12,200

Metropolitan Transportation Authorities (74 Pa.C.S. § 1750) \$30,500 \$22,500

JENNIFER BERRIER,  
Secretary

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# NOTICES

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

### Consumer Price Index Adjustment of Base Amounts on Bids Effective January 1, 2022

[51 Pa.B. 7953]  
[Saturday, December 18, 2021]

Each year the Department of Labor and Industry (Department) is required by the following statutes to publish changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public bids, telephonic bids or separate bids, or both, for certain contracts. The Department is required to announce the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): All Items for the United States City Average for the 12-month period ending September 30 of each year. The Department utilizes the most current nonseasonally adjusted series, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which at present uses 1982—1984 as the index base period (set equal to 100). The percentage change for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2021, is 5.4%.

The change to the base rate is determined as follows:

1) Calculate the percentage change in CPI-U (I) from September 2020 to September 2021. This is derived as  $I = (CPI_{21} - CPI_{20}) / CPI_{20}$ , where the subscripts refer to September 2021 and 2020 values of CPI-U. As reported by the BLS these values are  $(274.310 - 260.280) / 260.280 = +14.030 / 260.280 = +5.3903\%$ , which when rounded to 1 decimal place = 5.4%. (This was also reported as 5.4% in Table A of the BLS News release on the Consumer Price Index Summary for September 2021.)

2) The legislation puts a floor of 0 and a cap of 3% on the percentage change to be utilized in the calculations (technically these restrictions are on the Preliminary Adjusted Base (PAB), defined in step 4, however this is mathematically equivalent). The truncated value of the percentage change to be used in the adjustment formula is denoted as PC, resulting in:

- a)  $PC = I$ , for  $0 \leq I \leq 3\%$ ,
- b)  $PC = 0$ , for  $I < 0$  and
- c)  $PC = 3\%$ , for  $I > 3\%$ .

3) The base value (either original for new legislation or the prior year's PAB) is designated as B and the product of B and PC (determined previously) is P. (There are different values of the base depending on the entity and the type of bid, so technically B could be designated with 2 subscripts. For illustration purposes, the subscripts are omitted.) Then  $P = B * PC$ . A common value for the base amount in 2021 for a public bid is \$21,253.23. (The other two prior PABs, which are this year's bases for a variety of bid types, were \$11,488.22 and \$28,720.57.) For example, using  $B = \$21,253.23$ , results in  $P = \$21,253.23 * 3.0\% = \$637.60$ . (Since  $I = 5.4\%$ ,  $PC = 3\%$  as stated previously in 2c.)

4) Then the Preliminary Adjusted Base, PAB = P + B, which reduces to \$637.60 + \$21,253.23 = \$21,890.83.

5) The Final Adjusted Base Amount, FAA, (which is used as the limit for the next year that is 2022) is the PAB rounded to the nearest 100. Therefore, the FAA = \$21,900.00.

<i>Entity and Legislation</i>	<b>Final Adjusted Base Amount for Use in 2022</b>			
	<i>Public Bid</i>	<i>Written/ Telephonic Bid</i>	<i>Separate Bids</i>	<i>Concessions</i>
The County Code (16 P.S. §§ 1801—1803 and 2317)	\$21,900	\$11,800	\$21,900	
Second Class County Code (16 P.S. §§ 3112, 5001, 5511-A and 5517)	\$21,900	\$11,800	\$21,900	
Public School Code (24 P.S. §§ 1-120, 7-751 and 8-807.1)	\$21,900	\$11,800	\$21,900	
Public School Code, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (24 P.S. § 19-1913.1-B)	\$21,900			
Public School Code, State System of Higher Education (24 P.S. §§ 20-2003-A.1 and 20-2010-A)	\$21,900			
Prevention and Control of Floods, Flood Control Districts (32 P.S. §§ 662 and 662.1)	\$21,900			
Housing Authorities (35 P.S. § 1551)	\$21,900	\$11,800		
Intergovernmental Cooperation (53 Pa.C.S. §§ 2308, 2311 and 2312)	\$21,900	\$11,800		
General Municipal Law, Flood Control (53 P.S. § 2863)	\$21,900	\$11,800		
Political Subdivisions Joint Purchases Law (53 P.S. § 5432)	\$21,900	\$11,800		
Parking Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5511)	\$29,600	\$11,800		
Municipal Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5614)	\$21,900	\$11,800		
Public Auditorium Authorities Law (53 P.S. § 23851)	\$21,900	\$11,800		
Third Class City Code (11 Pa.C.S. §§ 11901.1, 11901.2, 11901.4, 11902, 11903.1 and 11909)	\$21,900		\$21,900	
Boroughs and Incorporated Towns (8 Pa.C.S. §§ 1402, 1403 and 1405)	\$21,900	\$11,800	\$21,900	
Incorporated Towns (53 P.S. §§ 53202, 53202.1, 53203, 53203.1 and 53205)	\$21,900	\$11,800	\$21,900	
First Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 56802, 56803 and 56805)	\$21,900	\$11,800	\$21,900	
Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 68102 and 68107)	\$21,900	\$11,800	\$21,900	
Economic Development Financing Law (73 P.S. § 382)	\$21,900	\$11,800		

Metropolitan Transportation Authorities  
(74 Pa.C.S. § 1750)

\$29,600

\$21,900

JENNIFER BERRIER,  
Secretary

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# NOTICES

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

### Consumer Price Index Adjustment of Base Amounts on Bids Effective January 1, 2021

[50 Pa.B. 7112]  
[Saturday, December 12, 2020]

Each year the Department of Labor and Industry (Department) is required by the following statutes to publish changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public bids, telephonic bids or separate bids, or both, for certain contracts. The Department is required to announce the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): All Items for the United States City Average for the 12-month period ending September 30 of each year. The Department utilizes the most current nonseasonally adjusted series, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which at present uses 1982—1984 as the index base period (set equal to 100). The percentage change for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2020, is 1.4%.

The change to the base rate is determined as follows:

1) Calculate the percentage change in CPI-U (I) from September 2019 to September 2020. This is derived as  $I = (CPI_{20} - CPI_{19})/CPI_{19}$ , where the subscripts refer to September 2020 and 2019 values of CPI-U. As reported by the BLS these values are  $(260.280 - 256.759)/256.759 = +3.521/256.759 = +1.3713\%$ , which when rounded to 1 decimal place = 1.4%. (This was also reported as 1.4% in Table A of the BLS News release on the Consumer Price Index Summary for September 2020).

2) The legislation puts a floor of 0 and a cap of 3% on the percentage change to be utilized in the calculations (technically these restrictions are on the Preliminary Adjusted Base (PAB), defined in step 4, however this is mathematically equivalent). The truncated value of the percentage change to be used in the adjustment formula is denoted as PC, resulting in:

- a)  $PC = I$ , for  $0 \leq I \leq 3\%$ ,
- b)  $PC = 0$ , for  $I < 0$  and
- c)  $PC = 3\%$ , for  $I > 3\%$ .

3) The base value (either original for new legislation or the prior year's PAB) is designated as B and the product of B and PC (determined previously) is P. (There are different values of the base depending on the entity and the type of bid, so technically B could be designated with 2 subscripts. For illustration purposes, the subscripts are omitted). Then  $P = B * PC$ . A common value for the base amount in 2020 for a public bid is \$20,959.79. (The other two prior PABs, which are this year's bases for a variety of bid types, were \$11,329.62 and \$28,324.04). For example, using  $B = \$20,959.79$ , results in  $P = \$20,959.79 * 1.4\% = \$293.44$ .



4) Then the Preliminary Adjusted Base, PAB = P + B, which reduces to \$293.44 + \$20,959.79 = \$21,253.23.

5) The Final Adjusted Base Amount, FAA, (which is used as the limit for the next year that is 2021) is the PAB rounded to the nearest 100. Therefore, the FAA = \$21,300.00.

<i>Entity and Legislation</i>	<b>Final Adjusted Base Amount for Use in 2021</b>			
	<i>Public Bid</i>	<i>Written/ Telephonic Bid</i>	<i>Separate Bids</i>	<i>Concessions</i>
The County Code (16 P.S. §§ 1801—1803 and 2317)	\$21,300	\$11,500	\$21,300	
Second Class County Code (16 P.S. §§ 3112, 5001, 5511-A and 5517)	\$21,300	\$11,500	\$21,300	
Public School Code (24 P.S. §§ 1-120, 7-751 and 8-807.1)	\$21,300	\$11,500	\$21,300	
Public School Code, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (24 P.S. § 19-1913.1-B)	\$21,300			
Public School Code, State System of Higher Education (24 P.S. §§ 20-2003-A.1 and 20-2010-A)	\$21,300			
Prevention and Control of Floods, Flood Control Districts (32 P.S. §§ 662 and 662.1)	\$21,300			
Housing Authorities (35 P.S. § 1551)	\$21,300	\$11,500		
Intergovernmental Cooperation (53 Pa.C.S. §§ 2308, 2311 and 2312)	\$21,300	\$11,500		
General Municipal Law, Flood Control (53 P.S. § 2863)	\$21,300	\$11,500		
Political Subdivisions Joint Purchases Law (53 P.S. § 5432)	\$21,300	\$11,500		
Parking Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5511)	\$28,700	\$11,500		
Municipal Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5614)	\$21,300	\$11,500		
Public Auditorium Authorities Law (53 P.S. § 23851)	\$21,300	\$11,500		
Third Class City Code (11 Pa.C.S. §§ 11901.1, 11901.2, 11901.4, 11902, 11903.1 and 11909)	\$21,300		\$21,300	
Boroughs and Incorporated Towns (8 Pa.C.S. §§ 1402, 1403 and 1405)	\$21,300	\$11,500	\$21,300	
Incorporated Towns (53 P.S. §§ 53202, 53202.1, 53203, 53203.1 and 53205)	\$21,300	\$11,500	\$21,300	
First Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 56802, 56803 and 56805)	\$21,300	\$11,500	\$21,300	
Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 68102 and 68107)	\$21,300	\$11,500	\$21,300	
Economic Development Financing Law (73 P.S. § 382)	\$21,300	\$11,500		
Metropolitan Transportation Authorities (74 Pa.C.S. § 1750)	\$28,700			\$21,300

W. GERARD OLEKSIK,  
Secretary

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# NOTICES

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

### Consumer Price Index Adjustment of Base Amounts on Bids Effective January 1, 2020; Correction

[49 Pa.B. 7373]

[Saturday, December 14, 2019]

This notice replaces the notice published at 49 Pa.B. 7137 (November 30, 2019). The Department of Labor and Industry (Department) is required to publish annual changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public bids, telephonic bids or separate bids, or both, for certain contracts. Specifically, the Department is required to announce the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): All Items for the United States City Average for the 12-month period ending September 30 of each year. The Department utilizes the most current nonseasonally adjusted series, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which at present uses 1982—1984 as the index base period (set equal to 100). The percentage change for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2019, is 1.7%.

The change to the base rate is determined as follows:

1) Calculate the percentage change in CPI-U (I) from September 2018 to September 2019. This is derived as  $I = (CPI_{19} - CPI_{18}) / CPI_{18}$ , where the subscripts refer to September 2019 and 2018 values of CPI-U. As reported by the BLS these values are  $(256.759 - 252.439) / 252.439 = +4.320 / 252.439 = +1.71130\%$ , which when rounded to 1 decimal place = 1.7%. (This was also reported as 1.7% in Table A of the BLS news release on the Consumer Price Index Summary for September 2019.)

2) The law puts a floor of 0 and a cap of 3% on the percentage change to be utilized in the calculations (technically these restrictions are on the Preliminary Adjusted Base (PAB), defined in step 4, however this is mathematically equivalent). The truncated value of the percentage change to be used in the adjustment formula is denoted as PC, resulting in:

a)  $PC = I$ , for  $0 \leq I \leq 3\%$ ,

b)  $PC = 0$ , for  $I < 0$  and

c)  $PC = 3\%$ , for  $I > 3\%$ .

3) The base value (either original for new legislation or the prior year's PAB) is designated as B and the product of B and PC (determined above) is P. (There are different values of the base depending on the entity and the type of bid, so technically B could be designated with 2 subscripts. For illustration purposes, the subscripts are omitted.) Then  $P = B * PC$ . A common value for the base amount in 2019 for a public bid is \$20,609.43. (The other two prior PABs, which are this year's bases for a variety of bid types, were \$11,140.23 and \$27,850.58.) For example, using  $B = \$20,609.43$ , results in  $P = \$20,609.43 * 1.7\% = \$350.36$ .

4) Then the Preliminary Adjusted Base, PAB = P + B, which reduces to \$350.36 + \$20,609.43 = \$20,959.79.

5) The Final Adjusted Base Amount, FAA (which is used as the limit for the next year, that is 2020) is the PAB rounded to the nearest 100. Therefore, the FAA = \$21,000.00.

<i>Entity and Legislation</i>	<b>Final Adjusted Base Amount for Use in 2020</b>			
	<i>Public Bid</i>	<i>Written/ Telephonic Bid</i>	<i>Separate Bids</i>	<i>Concessions</i>
The County Code (16 P.S. §§ 1801—1803 and 2317)	\$21,000	\$11,300	\$21,000	
Second Class County Code (16 P.S. §§ 3112, 5001, 5511-A and 5517)	\$21,000	\$11,300	\$21,000	
Public School Code (24 P.S. §§ 1-120, 7-751 and 8-807.1)	\$21,000	\$11,300	\$21,000	
Public School Code, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (24 P.S. § 19-1913.1-B)	\$21,000			
Public School Code, State System of Higher Education (24 P.S. §§ 20-2003-A.1 and 20-2010-A)	\$21,000			
Prevention and Control of Floods, Flood Control Districts (32 P.S. §§ 662 and 662.1)	\$21,000			
Housing Authorities (35 P.S. § 1551)	\$21,000	\$11,300		
Intergovernmental Cooperation (53 Pa.C.S. §§ 2308, 2311 and 2312)	\$21,000	\$11,300		
General Municipal Law, Flood Control (53 P.S. § 2863)	\$21,000	\$11,300		
Political Subdivisions Joint Purchases Law (53 P.S. § 5432)	\$21,000	\$11,300		
Parking Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5511)	\$28,300	\$11,300		
Municipal Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5614)	\$21,000	\$11,300		
Public Auditorium Authorities Law (53 P.S. § 23851)	\$21,000	\$11,300		
Third Class City Code (11 Pa.C.S. §§ 11901.1, 11901.2, 11901.4, 11902, 11903.1 and 11909)	\$21,000		\$21,000	
Boroughs and Incorporated Towns (8 Pa.C.S. §§ 1402, 1403 and 1405)	\$21,000	\$11,300	\$21,000	
Incorporated Towns (53 P.S. §§ 53202, 53202.1, 53203, 53203.1 and 53205)	\$21,000	\$11,300	\$21,000	
First Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 56802, 56803 and 56805)	\$21,000	\$11,300	\$21,000	
Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 68102 and 68107)	\$21,000	\$11,300	\$21,000	
Economic Development Financing Law (73 P.S. § 382)	\$21,000	\$11,300		

Metropolitan Transportation Authorities (74  
Pa.C.S. § 1750)

\$28,300

\$21,000

W. GERARD OLEKSIK,  
Secretary

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# NOTICES

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

### Consumer Price Index Adjustment of Base Amounts on Bids Effective January 1, 2019

[48 Pa.B. 7354]

[Saturday, November 24, 2018]

Each year the Department of Labor and Industry (Department) is required by the following statutes to publish changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public bids, telephonic bids or separate bids, or both, for certain contracts. The Department is required to announce the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): All Items for the United States City Average for the 12-month period ending September 30 of each year. The Department utilizes the most current nonseasonally adjusted series, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which at present uses 1982—1984 as the index base period (set equal to 100). The percentage change for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2018, is 2.3%.

The change to the base rate is determined as follows:

1) Calculate the percentage change in CPI-U (I) from September 2017 to September 2018. This is derived as  $I = (CPI_{18} - CPI_{17}) / CPI_{17}$ , where the subscripts refer to September 2018 and 2017 values of CPI-U. As reported by the BLS these values are  $(252.439 - 246.819) / 246.819 = +5.620 / 246.819 = +2.22770\%$ , which when rounded to 1 decimal place = 2.3%. (This was also reported as 2.3% in Table A of the BLS news release on the Consumer Price Index Summary for September 2018.)

2) The legislation puts a floor of 0 and a cap of 3% on the percentage change to be utilized in the calculations (technically these restrictions are on the Preliminary Adjusted Base (PAB), defined in step 4, however this is mathematically equivalent). The truncated value of the percentage change to be used in the adjustment formula is denoted as PC, resulting in:

- a)  $PC = I$ , for  $0 \leq I \leq 3\%$ ,
- b)  $PC = 0$ , for  $I < 0$  and
- c)  $PC = 3\%$ , for  $I > 3\%$ .

3) The base value (either original for new legislation or the prior year's PAB) is designated as B and the product of B and PC (determined above) is P. (There are different values of the base depending on the entity and the type of bid, so technically B could be designated with two subscripts. For illustration purposes, the subscripts are omitted.) Then  $P = B * PC$ . A common value for the base amount in 2018 for a public bid is \$20,146.07. (The other two prior PABs, which are

this year's bases for a variety of bid types, were \$10,889.77 and \$27,224.42.) For example, using B = \$20,146.07, results in  $P = \$20,146.07 * 2.3\% = \$463.36$ .

4) Then the Preliminary Adjusted Base,  $PAB = P + B$ , which reduces to  $\$463.36 + \$20,146.07 = \$20,609.43$ .

5) The Final Adjusted Base Amount, FAA (which is used as the limit for the next year that is 2019), is the PAB rounded to the nearest 100. Therefore, the FAA = \$20,600.

Entity and Legislation	Final Adjusted Base Amount for Use in 2019			
	Public Bid	Written/ Telephonic Bid	Separate Bids	Concessions
The County Code (16 P.S. §§ 1801—1803 and 2317)	\$20,600	\$11,100	\$20,600	
Second Class County Code (16 P.S. §§ 3112, 5001, 5511-A and 5517)	\$20,600	\$11,100	\$20,600	
Public School Code (24 P.S. §§ 1-120, 7-751 and 8-807.1)	\$20,600	\$11,100	\$20,600	
Public School Code, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (24 P.S. § 19-1913.1-B)	\$20,600			
Public School Code, State System of Higher Education (24 P.S. §§ 20-2003-A.1 and 20-2010-A)	\$20,600			
Prevention and Control of Floods, Flood Control Districts (32 P.S. §§ 662 and 662.1)	\$20,600			
Housing Authorities (35 P.S. § 1551)	\$20,600	\$11,100		
Intergovernmental Cooperation (53 Pa.C.S. §§ 2308, 2311 and 2312)	\$20,600	\$11,100		
General Municipal Law, Flood Control (53 P.S. § 2863)	\$20,600	\$11,100		
Political Subdivisions Joint Purchases Law (53 P.S. § 5432)	\$20,600	\$11,100		
Parking Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5511)	\$27,900	\$11,100		
Municipal Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5614)	\$20,600	\$11,100		
Public Auditorium Authorities Law (53 P.S. § 23851)	\$20,600	\$11,100		
Third Class City Code (11 Pa.C.S. §§ 11901.1, 11901.2, 11901.4, 11902, 11903.1 and 11909)	\$20,600		\$20,600	
Boroughs and Incorporated Towns (8 Pa.C.S. §§ 1402, 1403 and 1405)	\$20,600	\$11,100	\$20,600	
Incorporated Towns (53 P.S. §§ 53202, 53202.1, 53203, 53203.1 and 53205)	\$20,600	\$11,100	\$20,600	
First Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 56802, 56803 and 56805)	\$20,600	\$11,100	\$20,600	
Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 68102 and 68107)	\$20,600	\$11,100	\$20,600	
Economic Development Financing Law (73 P.S. §	\$20,600	\$11,100		

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Metropolitan Transportation Authorities (74 Pa.C.S. § 1750)	\$27,900			\$20,600

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# NOTICES

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

### Consumer Price Index Adjustment of Base Amounts on Bids Effective January 1, 2018

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[Saturday, December 23, 2017]

Each year the Department of Labor and Industry (Department) is required by the following statutes to publish changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public bids, telephonic bids or separate bids, or both, for certain contracts. The Department is required to announce the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): All Items for the United States City Average for the 12-month period ending September 30 of each year. The Department utilizes the most current nonseasonally adjusted series, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which at present uses 1982—1984 as the index base period (set equal to 100). The percentage change for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017, is 2.2%.

The change to the base rate is determined as follows:

1) Calculate the percentage change in CPI-U (I) from September 2016 to September 2017. This is derived as  $I = (CPI_{17} - CPI_{16})/CPI_{16}$ , where the subscripts refer to September 2017 and 2016 values of CPI-U. As reported by the BLS these values are  $(246.819 - 241.428)/241.428 = +5.391/241.428 = +2.2333\%$ , which when rounded to 1 decimal place = 2.2%. (This was also reported as 2.2% in Table A of the BLS news release on the Consumer Price Index Summary for September 2017.)

2) The legislation puts a floor of 0 and a cap of 3% on the percentage change to be utilized in the calculations (technically these restrictions are on the Preliminary Adjusted Base (PAB), defined in step 4, however this is mathematically equivalent). The truncated value of the percentage change to be used in the adjustment formula is denoted as PC, resulting in:

a)  $PC = I$ , for  $0 \leq I \leq 3\%$ ,

b)  $PC = 0$ , for  $I < 0$  and

c)  $PC = 3\%$ , for  $I > 3\%$ .

3) The base value (either original for new legislation or the prior year's PAB) is designated as B and the product of B and PC (determined previously) is P. (There are different values of the base depending on the entity and the type of bid, so technically B could be designated with two subscripts. For illustration purposes, the subscripts are omitted.) Then  $P = B * PC$ . A common value for the base amount in 2017 for a public bid is \$19,712.40. (The other two prior PABs, which are this year's bases for a variety of bid types, were \$10,655.35 and \$26,638.37.) For example, using  $B = \$19,712.40$ , results in  $P = \$19,712.40 * 2.2\% = \$433.67$ .

4) Then the Preliminary Adjusted Base, PAB = P + B, which reduces to \$433.67 + \$19,712.40 = \$20,146.07.

5) The Final Adjusted Base Amount, FAA (which is used as the limit for the next year that is 2018), is the PAB rounded to the nearest 100. Therefore, the FAA = \$20,100.

**Final Adjusted Base Amount for Use in  
2018**

Entity and Legislation	Written/ Public Telephonic Separate		
	Bid	Bid	Bids Concessions
The County Code (16 P.S. §§ 1801—1803 and 2317)	\$20,100	\$10,900	\$20,100
Second Class County Code (16 P.S. §§ 3112, 5001, 5511-A and 5517)	\$20,100	\$10,900	\$20,100
Public School Code (24 P.S. §§ 1-120, 7-751 and 8-807.1)	\$20,100	\$10,900	\$20,100
Public School Code, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (24 P.S. § 19-1913.1-B)	\$20,100		
Public School Code, State System of Higher Education (24 P.S. §§ 20-2003-A.1 and 20-2010-A)	\$20,100		
Prevention and Control of Floods, Flood Control Districts (32 P.S. §§ 662 and 662.1)	\$20,100		
Housing Authorities (35 P.S. § 1551)	\$20,100	\$10,900	
Intergovernmental Cooperation (53 Pa.C.S. §§ 2308, 2311 and 2312)	\$20,100	\$10,900	
General Municipal Law, Flood Control (53 P.S. § 2863)	\$20,100	\$10,900	
Political Subdivisions Joint Purchases Law (53 P.S. § 5432)	\$20,100	\$10,900	
Parking Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5511)	\$27,200	\$10,900	
Municipal Authorities (53 Pa.C.S. § 5614)	\$20,100	\$10,900	
Public Auditorium Authorities Law (53 P.S. § 23851; HB 2324)	\$20,100	\$10,900	
Third Class City Code (11 Pa.C.S. §§ 11901.1, 11901.2, 11901.4, 11902, 11903.1 and 11909)	\$20,100		\$20,100
Boroughs and Incorporated Towns (8 Pa.C.S. §§ 1402, 1403 and 1405)	\$20,100	\$10,900	\$20,100
Incorporated Towns (53 P.S. §§ 53202, 53202.1, 53203, 53203.1 and 53205)	\$20,100	\$10,900	\$20,100
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Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 68102 and 68107)	\$20,100	\$10,900	\$20,100
Economic Development Financing Law (73 P.S. § 382)	\$20,100	\$10,900	
Metropolitan Transportation Authorities (74 Pa.C.S. § 1750)	\$27,200		\$20,100

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