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The use of public funds on a portion of a project does not, by itself, require the payment of prevailing wages on the entire project. In <u>Northwestern Ohio Building & Construction Trades Council v. Ottawa</u> <u>County Improvement Corporation</u>, a unanimous Supreme Court of Ohio held that "the prevailing-wage law applies only when a public authority, including an institution, spends public funds to construct a 'public improvement,' which by definition must be constructed by a public authority or must benefit a public authority." The Court issued its decision on June 30, 2009.

Click on the link below to download the July 1, 2009 *Client Alert* which discusses this decision.