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An El Cajon construction company pleaded guilty Monday to underpaying workers on a federally funded housing project and was barred from working on government projects for the next three years. The guilty plea came from attorney Peter Hughes, who represented United Constructors. The firm's president, Armando Doblado, of Spring Valley, authorized the guilty plea, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Eve Birmingham. U.S. District Court Judge Leland Nielsen fined the firm \$2,500, suspended an additional \$7,500 fine, and ordered the firm to repay 18 workers \$24,940 for work on the Golden Age Public Housing Project in San Diego in July, 1982. The firm was charged with violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, which mandates that federally funded project workers be paid the "prevailing wages" of the local community.

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