

service reviews. The alternative letter and listing require the submission of readily available information, and less data than is required for traditional compliance reviews. The submission of the requested material is the initial step in the revised review process. OFCCP expects that the expedited review procedures will streamline compliance evaluations of the supply and service contractor, saving both the contractor and the Government time and money. It is anticipated that the pilot test will occur in a six-month period.

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Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Annual Plans for State Employment Service Activities

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Section 8 of the amended Wagner-Peyser Act required that States desiring to receive the benefits of the Act submit to the Secretary of Labor detailed plans for carrying out the provisions of the Act. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the extension of information collection for Annual Plans for State Employment Service Activities. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 8, 1996. Written comments should evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of

information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information.

ADDRESSES: Gene Tichenor, U.S. Employment Service, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room N-4470, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-219-5185 (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under Section 652.6 and 652.7 of the regulation, State Employment Security Agencies are required to develop and submit to the Secretary of Labor an annual plan for providing services and activities within the State as authorized by Section 7(a) of the Wagner-Peyser Act. These plans are used by the Department to determine if the annual State activities meet the requirements of the Law. The plan should include overall goals and objectives of the State agency, documentation of the State's plan for meeting the requirements of a basic labor exchange system, and a provision for the promotion and development of employment opportunities and job counseling.

II. Current Actions

This is a request to extend OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) for the collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0209.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Titles: Annual Plans for State Employment Service Activities.

OMB Number: 1205-0209.

Affected Public: Government/State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 54.

Frequency: Annually.

Total Responses: 54.

Average Time Per Response: 90 hours.

Estimated Burden Hours: 4,860.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$22,000 to \$65,000.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 2, 1996.

John R. Beverly,

Director, U.S. Employment Service.

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Employment Standards Administration

Wage and Hour Division; Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective