

trigger for the Extended Benefits program and to allow publication of timely and accurate economic indicators for the nation.

Type of review: Extension with change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0028.

Agency Number: ETA 538 and ETA 539.

Affected Public: State Government.
Cite/Reference/Form/etc: ETA 538 and ETA 539.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Weekly.

Total Responses: 5,512.

Average Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,675.

Total Burden Cost (capital/start): Estimated at \$110,240 which is an allowable cost under the administrative grants awarded to States by the Federal Government.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: December 18, 1996.

Mary Ann Wyrsh,

Director, Unemployment Insurance 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 prescribe 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 supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal Register, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modification issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be in the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organizations, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration,

Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

New General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions added to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts" are listed by Volume and States:

Volume VI

California

CA960100 (December 27, 1996)

CA960105 (December 27, 1996)

CA960109 (December 27, 1996)

CA960110 (December 27, 1996)

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the Federal Register are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

Volume I

Massachusetts

MA960018 (March 15, 1996)

Volume II

None

Volume III

Georgia

GA960022 (Mar. 15, 1996)

GA960087 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Kentucky

KY960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960025 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960026 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960027 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960028 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960029 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume IV

Indiana

IN960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)

IN960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)

IN960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)

IN960006 (Mar. 15, 1996)

IN960018 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Michigan

MI960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960007 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960012 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960030 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960031 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960047 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960062 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960063 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960064 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Ohio

OH960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)

OH960029 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 OH960035 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 OH960036 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 OH960038 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume V

Arkansas

AR960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 AR960008 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Iowa

IA960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 IA960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Louisiana

LA960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 LA960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 LA960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 LA960015 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 LA960017 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 LA960018 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 LA960060 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Nebraska

NE960011 (Mar. 15, 1996)

New Mexico

NM960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume VI

Arizona

AZ960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 AZ960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 AZ960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 AZ960006 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 AZ960007 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 AZ960010 (Mar. 15, 1996)
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 AZ960017 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 AZ960018 (Mar. 15, 1996)

California

CA960029 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 CA960050 (Apr. 12, 1996)
 CA960061 (Apr. 12, 1996)
 CA960064 (Apr. 12, 1996)
 CA960066 (Apr. 12, 1996)
 CA960069 (Apr. 12, 1996)
 CA960070 (Apr. 12, 1996)
 CA960084 (Apr. 12, 1996)
 CA960085 (Apr. 12, 1996)

Colorado

CO960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Montana

MT960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 MT960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 MT960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)
 MT960006 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Washington

WA960008 (Mar. 15, 1996)

General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts". This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at (701) 487-4630.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the six separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions included an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of December 1996.

Philip J. Gloss,
 Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Consumer Price Index Revision Housing Survey."

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 25, 1997.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- 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 technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the only index compiled by the U.S. Government that is designed to measure changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer's dollar. The CPI is used most widely as a measure of inflation, and serves as an indicator of the effectiveness of Government economic policy. It also is used as a deflator of other economic series, that is, to adjust other series for price changes and to translate these series into inflation-free dollars.

II. Current Actions

This request addresses not only the 1998 Revision of the Housing Index and the new Housing sample selection, it includes the transition to computer-Assisted Data Collection (CADC) technology.

For the CPI Housing Survey, the revision means implementing a new sample in new and existing Primary Sampling Units. The methodology for index calculation includes both a Geometric Mean Test Index and a Laspeyres Index. Survey sample