

*Title:* Unemployment Insurance Denied Claim Accuracy Measurement Pilot Project.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0 new.

*Frequency:* Weekly.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 9,990.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour 39 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 16,335.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$457,500.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.

*Description:* The Benefits Accuracy Measurement (BAM) program provides reliable estimates of the accuracy of benefit payment in the Unemployment Insurance program and identifies the sources of mispayments so that their causes can be eliminated. It does not measure the accuracy of decisions denying benefits and therefore is incomplete. This is an operational pilot to prepare for nationwide measurement of denials accuracy.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Baker v. Reich.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0372 (revision).

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 40.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 168.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.

*Description:* This information collection is necessary to comply with a Federal Court Order to obtain data on number of workers that may be entitled to Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) under the North American Free Trade Agreement—Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) program.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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### **All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; United States City Average**

Pursuant to Section 112 of the 1976 amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act (Pub. L. 94-283, 2 U.S.C. 441a), the Secretary of Labor has

certified to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission and publishes this notice in the Federal Register that the United States City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (1967=100) increased 218.1 percent from its 1974 annual average of 147.7 to its 1996 annual average of 469.9. Using 1974 as a base (1974=100), I certify that the United States City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers thus increased 218.1 percent from its 1974 annual average of 100 to its 1996 annual average of 318.1.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on the 19th day of February 1997.

Cynthia A. Metzler,

*Acting Secretary of Labor.*

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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 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 modifications 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 the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, 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.

#### **Withdrawn General Wage Determination Decisions**

This is to advise all interested parties that the Department of Labor is withdrawing, from the date of this notice, General Wage Determination Nos. OK970047 and OK970048 dated February 14, 1997.

Agencies with construction projects pending, to which these wage decisions would have been applicable, should utilize Wage Decisions OK970040 and OK970044. Contracts for which bids