

Reporting, Written Training Agreement—1 hour  
 Recordkeeping, WECEP Program Information—1 hour  
 Recordkeeping, Filing of WECEP record and Training Agreement—1/2 minute  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours: 7,145.*  
*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.*  
*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$2.52.*

*Description:* State educational agencies are required to file applications for approval of Work Experience and Career Exploration Programs (WECEP) which provide exceptions to the child labor regulations issued under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). State educational agencies are also required to maintain certain records with respect to approved WECEP programs.

**Ira L. Mills,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### **Proposed collection of the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data and the ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration; Department of Labor.

**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. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection of the ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report and the ETA 539, Weekly Claims

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

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before April 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Cynthia L. Ambler, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210, Phone: 202-219-6209 x129, Fax: 202-2198506, E-mail: cambler@doleta.gov

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The ETA 538 and ETA 539 reports contain information on initial claims and continued weeks claimed. These figures are important economic indicators. The ETA 538 is a quick look that allows US figures to be released to the public five days after the close of the period. The ETA 539 contains more refined economic indicators that are publishable on a State level as well as information on the Extended Benefits trigger level and the background data supporting it.

##### **II. Review Focus**

The Department of Labor 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.

##### **III. Current Actions**

The ETA 538 and ETA 539 continue to be needed as they provide both timely economic indicators as well as the information needed to track the data that triggers states onto and off of the Extended Benefits program.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Title:* ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data and the ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0028.

*Agency Number:* ETA 538 and ETA 539.

*Recordkeeping:* Respondent is expected to maintain data which supports the reported data for three years.

*Affected Public:* State governments.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:*

ETA 538 53 States × 52 reports × 30 min. ....	=	1378 hrs.
ETA 539 53 States × 52 reports × 50 min. ....	=	2297 hrs.
Total Burden .....	.....	3675 hrs.

*Total Burden Cost:* (operating/maintaining): \$91,875.

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: February 11, 2000.

**Grace A. Kilbane,**

*Director, Office of Workforce Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### 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 in 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, DC 20210.

### 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

Rhode Island  
RI000001 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
RI000002 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume II:

Delaware  
DE000002 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
DE000005 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
Virginia  
VA000030 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
VA000035 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume III:

Georgia  
GA000093 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
Kentucky  
KY000002 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
KY000004 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
KY000007 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
KY000025 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
KY000027 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
KY000029 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume IV:

Michigan  
MI000049 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
Ohio  
OH000001 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
OH000002 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
OH000003 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
OH000023 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
OH000028 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
OH000029 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
OH000034 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume V:

Nebraska  
NE000001 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
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TX000003 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
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TX000060 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
TX000061 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
TX000069 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
TX000081 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume VI:

Alaska  
AK000001 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
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WA000007 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
WA000008 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
WA000011 (Feb. 11, 2000)  
WA000013 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume VII:

Hawaii  
HI000001 (Feb. 11, 2000)

### 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 1-800-363-2068.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 412-1800.

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 seven separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include 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 10th day of February 2000.

**Carl J. Poleskey,**

*Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.*

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### LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

**Notice of Availability of FY 2000  
Competitive Grant Funds for  
Chautauqua County, New York  
(Service Area NY-5)**

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.