

### New General Wage Determination Decision

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 V

Iowa

IA000045 (Apr. 21, 2000)

### 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

None

#### Volume II

Pennsylvania

PA000007 (Feb. 11, 2000)

PA000009 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume III

Mississippi

MS000003 (Feb. 11, 2000)

North Carolina

NC000033 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume IV

Illinois

IL000011 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume V

Iowa

IA000009 (Feb. 11, 2000)

IA000080 (Feb. 11, 2000)

Texas

TX000053 (Feb. 11, 2000)

#### Volume VI

None

#### Volume VII

None

### 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

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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 13th day of April 2000.

**Carl J. Poleskey,**

*Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### 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 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "International Price Program—U.S. Import Price Indexes." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

**ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before June 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Sytrina D. Toon, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sytrina D. Toon, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

The U.S. Import Price Indexes, produced continuously by the Bureau of Labor Statistic's International Price Program (IPP) since 1971, measure price change over time for all categories of imported products, as well as many services. The Office of Management and Budget has listed the Import Price Indexes as a Principal Federal Domestic Indicator since 1982. The indexes are widely used in both the public and private sectors. The primary public sector use is the deflation of the U.S. Trade Statistics and the Gross Domestic Product; the indexes also are used in formulating U.S. trade policy and in trade negotiations with other countries. In the private sector, uses of the Import Price Indexes include market analysis, inflation forecasting, contract escalation, and replacement cost accounting.

The IPP indexes are closely followed statistics, and are viewed as a sensitive indicator of the economic environment. The U.S. Department of Commerce uses the monthly statistics to produce monthly and quarterly estimate of inflation-adjusted trade flows. Without continuation of data collection, it would be extremely difficult to construct accurate estimates of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. In addition, Federal policymakers in the Department of Treasury, the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Federal Reserve Board utilize these statistics on a regular basis to improve these agencies' formulation and evaluation of monetary and fiscal policy and evaluation of the general business environment.

#### II. Desired Focus of Comments

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.

**III. Current Action**

The IPP continues to modernize data collection and processing to permit more timely release of its indexes, and to reduce reporter burden. The IPP is testing initiation techniques to reduce burden such as less frequent sampling of more stable item areas, use of broader item areas in certain cases, and retention of items initiated in previous samples that reporters still trade. In order to reduce the time required for processing new items, direct entry of initiation data from the field was recently implemented. The IPP is testing the application of new technology to repricing and the use of fax telephone lines to permit direct collection and

entry into the BLS reporters' repricing database. The IPP also is considering use of the Internet for monthly repricing.

*Type of Review:* Revision.  
*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* International Price Program/U.S. Import Price Indexes.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-0026.  
*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.  
*Total Respondents:* (FY 2000) 4,935.  
*Frequency:* Quarterly/Monthly.  
*Total Responses:* (FY 2001) 40,240.  
*Average Time Per Response:* 36.18 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* (FY 2001) 24,246 hours.

Form	Total respondents	Frequent	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Initiation Visit (includes form 3008) .....	1,700	annually .....	1,700	1.00	1,700
Form 3007D .....	3,235	Monthly/quarterly ...	38,540	.585	22,546
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>4,935</b>	.....	<b>40,240</b>	.....	<b>24,246</b>

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of April 2000.

**W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,**

Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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