

- Cells identifying nonfraud fictitious employer schemes.

#### Other Modifications

• The order of sections B and C have been reversed so that "Overpayments Established—Methods of Detection" precedes "Recovery/Reconciliation".

• In Section A "Overpayments Established—Causes", the line for administrative penalty has been removed from under the subheading "Nonfraud" so that it stands alone.

• In Section B "Overpayments Established—Methods of Detection", the lines have been reordered so all controllable methods are grouped under the appropriate heading.

• In Section C "Recovery/Reconciliation", the line formerly identified as "Allowance for Doubtful Accounts" has been redefined, and data will be reported as "Receivables Removed at End of Report Period".

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Overpayment Detection and Recovery Activities.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0173.

*Agency Number:* ETA-227.

*Record keeping:* State agencies are required to maintain all documentation supporting the information reported on the ETA-227 for three years following the end of each report period.

*Affected Public:* State Government.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc.:* Form.

*Total Respondents:* 53 State agencies.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Total Responses:* 212.

*Average Time per Response:* 14 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2968.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* Estimated at \$76,396 which is allowable cost under the administrative grants awarded to States by the Federal government. Additionally, there will be a one time cost of reprogramming the State systems at the cost of \$20,758 (annualized).

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: June 5, 2000.

**Grace A. Kilbane,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.*  
[FR Doc. 00-14682 Filed 6-8-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-30-P

## 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 procedures 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 for 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 decisions, 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, NW, 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

None

##### Volume II

Maryland

MD000008 (Feb. 11, 2000)

MD000021 (Feb. 11, 2000)

MD000039 (Feb. 11, 2000)

MD000042 (Feb. 11, 2000)

Pennsylvania

PA000005 (Feb. 11, 2000)

PA000006 (Feb. 11, 2000)

PA000014 (Feb. 11, 2000)

PA000025 (Feb. 11, 2000)

PA000026 (Feb. 11, 2000)

Virginia

VA000014 (Feb. 11, 2000)

VA000044 (Feb. 11, 2000)

VA000059 (Feb. 11, 2000)

VA000067 (Feb. 11, 2000)

##### Volume III

None

##### Volume IV

None

Volume V

- Kansas
  - KS000009 (Feb. 11, 2000)
- Texas
  - TX000003 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - TX000018 (Feb. 11, 2000)

Volume VI

None

Volume VII

- California
  - CA000001 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000002 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000004 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000009 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000027 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000028 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000029 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000030 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000031 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000032 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000033 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000034 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000035 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000036 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000037 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000039 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000040 (Feb. 11, 2000)
  - CA000041 (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) 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 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 1st day of June 2000.

Carl J. Poleskey, Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

[FR Doc. 00-14284 Filed 6-8-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-27-M

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is requesting a three-year extension of approval of its optional appeal form, Optional Form 283 (Rev. 10/94) from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The appeal form is currently displayed in 5 CFR Part 1201, Appendix I, and on the MSPB Web Page at http://www.mspb.gov/foia/applform.pdf.

In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this form is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to one hour per response, with an average of 30 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

5 CFR section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201 and 1209 .....	9,000	1	9,000	.5	4,500

In addition, the MSPB invites comments on (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSPB's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of MSPB's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate and other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the appeal form may be obtained from Arlin Winefordner, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20419 or by calling (202) 653-7200. Comments concerning the paperwork burden should also be addressed to Mr. Winefordner.

Robert E. Taylor, Clerk of the Board. [FR Doc. 00-14690 Filed 6-8-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7400-01-M

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Communications System (NCS).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Manager, National Communications System announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including