

APPENDIX—Continued

[Petitions instituted between 04/26/2004 and 04/30/2004]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
54,814	Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. (Comp)	Anchorage, AK	04/30/2004	04/28/2004
54,815	JamiServices, Corp. (Wkrs)	Bishopville, SC	04/30/2004	04/28/2004
54,816	Phipps Patterns, Inc. (Wkrs)	Decatur, IL	04/30/2004	04/16/2004
54,817	RHC/Spacemaster Corp. (Wkrs)	Melrose Park, IL	04/30/2004	04/27/2007
54,818	Franklin Electri (IAM)	Muskegon, MI	04/30/2004	04/28/2004
54,819	Stetson Hat (Hatco) (UNITE)	St. Joseph, MO	04/30/2004	04/26/2004
54,820	Moosehead Manufacturing (ME)	Monson, ME	04/30/2004	04/07/2004
54,821	Burlington Industries (Comp)	Greensboro, NC	04/30/2004	04/15/2004
54,822	Honeywell (Wkrs)	Clearfield, UT	04/30/2004	04/09/2004
54,823	Ehlert Tool (WI)	New Berlin, WI	04/30/2004	04/26/2004
54,824	Saftronics (Wkrs)	York, PA	04/30/2004	04/29/2004
54,825	Utica Enterprises, Inc. (MI)	Shelby Twp., MI	04/30/2004	04/20/2004
54,826	First Technology, Inc. (Comp)	Caribou, ME	04/30/2004	04/07/2004
54,827	Harris Fresh, LLC (Comp)	Coalinga, CA	04/30/2004	04/16/2004
54,828	Caraustar (UNITE)	Cedartown, GA	04/30/2004	04/02/2004
54,829	Manpower (Comp)	Poughkeepsie, NY	04/30/2004	04/23/2004
54,830	ITT Industries (Comp)	New Lexington, OH	04/30/2004	04/13/2004

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment Standards Administration****Proposed Collection; Comment Request****ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), 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 Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Applications to Employ Special Industrial Homeworkers and Workers with Disabilities (Forms WH-2, WH-226 and WH-226A). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before July 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, E-mail bell.hazel@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax or E-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**I. Background**

Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) section 11(d) authorizes the Secretary of Labor to regulate, restrict or prohibit industrial homework as necessary to prevent evasion of the minimum wage requirement of the Act. DOL restricts homework in seven industries (knitted outerwear, women's apparel, jewelry manufacturing, gloves and mittens, button and buckle manufacturing, handkerchief manufacturing and embroideries) to those employers who obtain certificates.

In order to prevent curtailment of employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, FLSA section 14(c) allows employers to apply for a certificate from DOL authorizing payment of less than the Federal minimum wage to workers with impaired productivity because of disabilities.

Employers in a restricted industry use Form WH-2, when requesting permission to employ an individual industrial homeworker who is unable to work in a factory setting because he or she (a) is unable to adjust to such work because of age, or physical or mental disability; (b) is unable to leave home because his or her presence is required to care for an invalid in the home or (c) will be engaged in industrial homework

under the supervision of a State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency.

Employers use Form WH-226 and the supplemental data Form WH-226A when requesting authorization to employ workers with disabilities in competitive employment, in work centers and in hospitals or institutions at subminimum wages that are commensurate with wages paid to workers with no disabilities. School officials also use this form to request authorization for groups of students with disabilities to participate in school work experience programs. State vocational rehabilitation counselors and Veterans Administration officials use the form to grant or extend temporary authorization to employ on-the-job trainees with disabilities.

This information collection is currently approved for use through November 30, 2004.

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

DOL seeks approval for the extension of this information collection in order to ensure effective administration of

agency programs regarding the employment of homeworkers in restricted industries and payment of subminimum wages to workers with disabilities.

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Employment Standards Administration.
Title: Applications to Employ Special Industrial Homeworkers and Workers with Disabilities.

OMB Number: 1215-0005.
Agency Number: WH-2, WH-226, WH-226A.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or household, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, State, Local or Tribal Government.
Total Respondents: 4,550.
Total Responses: 16,550.

Form	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Time per response (in minutes)	Burden hours
WH-2	50	50	30	25
WH-226	4,500	4,500	45	3,375
WH-226A	4,500	12,000	45	9,000

Frequency: Annually and Biennially.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 12,400.
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$1,820.

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 17, 2004.

Sue R. Blumenthal,
Acting Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.
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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 Marcy 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 determinations decisions, and modifications and supersedeas 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 Act 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.

Modification to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions listed to 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
 Connecticut
 CT030008 (Jun. 13, 2003)
 Maine
 ME030012 (Jun. 13, 2003)
 New Hampshire