

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Office of the Secretary**

ZRIN 1290-ZA02

**Guidance for Executive Order 13673:
“Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces”****AGENCY:** Department of Labor.**ACTION:** Proposed guidance; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 28, 2015, the Department of Labor (DOL) published proposed guidance to assist federal agencies and the contracting community in implementing Executive Order 13673, “Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces,” which is designed to improve contractor compliance with labor laws and increase efficiency and cost savings in Federal contracting. The deadline for submitting comments is being extended from July 27, 2015, to August 11, 2015, to provide additional time for interested parties to provide comments on the DOL guidance. The Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which on May 28, 2015, jointly published a proposed rule implementing Executive Order 13673, are similarly extending the comment period for their proposed rule by 15 days to August 11, 2015.

If you have already commented on the proposed guidance you do not need to resubmit your comment. Should you choose to do so, you can submit additional or supplemental comments. DOL will consider all comments received from the date of publication of the proposed guidance through the close of the extended comment period.

DATES: The comment period for the Proposed Guidance published on May 28, 2015, at 80 FR 30573, scheduled to close on July 27, 2015, is extended until August 11, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by ZRIN 1290-ZA02, by either of the following methods:

Electronic comments: Comments may be sent via <http://www.regulations.gov>, a Federal E-Government Web site that allows the public to find, review, and submit comments on documents that agencies have published in the **Federal Register** and that are open for comment. Simply type in “guidance on fair pay and safe workplaces” (in quotes) in the Comment or Submission search box, click Go, and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Address written submissions to Tiffany Jones, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Instructions: Please submit only one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions must include the agency name and ZRIN, identified above, for this document. Please be advised that comments received will become a matter of public record and will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Comments that are mailed must be received by the date indicated for consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen E. Franks, Director, Office of Regulatory and Programmatic Policy, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-5959. Copies of the proposed guidance may be obtained in alternative formats (large print, Braille, audio tape or disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-5959. TTY/TDD callers may dial toll-free [1-877-889-5627] to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 28, 2015, DOL published proposed guidance in the **Federal Register** at 80 FR 30573. DOL was to receive comments on this guidance on or before July 27, 2015.

DOL has determined that it is appropriate to provide an additional 15-day period for comment on the guidance, after considering requests to extend the comment period.

To allow the public sufficient time to review and comment on the proposed guidance, DOL is extending the comment period until August 11, 2015.

Mary Beth Maxwell,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Labor.

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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 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the “Consumer Price Index Housing Survey.” A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below 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 September 14, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202-691-5111 (this is not a toll free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See Addresses Section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the timeliest instrument compiled by the U.S. Government that is designed to measure changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer’s dollar. The CPI is used most widely as a measure of inflation, and is used in the formulation of economic policy. It also is used as a deflator of other economic series, that is, to adjust other series for price changes and to translate these series into inflation-free dollars.

II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the CPI Housing Survey. The continuation of the collection of housing rents for the CPI is essential since the CPI is the nation’s chief source of information on retail price changes. If the information on rents were not collected, Federal fiscal and monetary policies would be hampered due to the lack of information on price changes in a major sector of the U.S. economy, and estimates of the real value of the Gross Domestic Product could not be made. The consequences to both the Federal and private sectors would be far reaching and would have

serious repercussions on Federal government policy and institutions.

III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.
- 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.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: CPI Housing Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-0163.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 168,600.

Frequency: Semi-annually.

Total Responses: 168,600.

Average Time per Response: 5.0807829 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 14,277 hours.

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 8th day of July 2015.

Kimberly D. Hill,

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

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations; OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement

AGENCY: Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the 2015 OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the 2015 OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement (Supplement). The notice also offers interested parties an opportunity to comment on the 2015 Supplement.

DATES: The 2015 Supplement supersedes the 2014 Supplement and will apply to audits of fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2014. All comments on the 2015 Supplement must be in writing and received by October 31, 2015. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. We received no comments on the 2014 Supplement.

See the *Comments* section of **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further information on submitting comments.

ADDRESSES: The 2015 Supplement is available online on the OMB home page at https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133_compliance_supplement_2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Recipients and auditors should contact their cognizant or oversight agency for audit, or Federal awarding agency, as appropriate under the circumstances. The Federal agency contacts are listed in Appendix III of the Supplement. Subrecipients should contact their pass-through entity. Federal agencies should contact Gilbert Tran, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Financial Management, at (202) 395-3052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Synopsis of 2015 Supplement

The 2015 Supplement adds five new programs and deletes 11 programs (including nine completed under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). It has also updated for program changes and technical corrections. In addition, it removed two compliance requirements from the standard list of such requirements: Davis Bacon (formerly compliance requirement D) and Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Assistance (formerly compliance requirement K). Part 3—Compliance Requirements is divided

into two subparts. Subpart 3.1 is applicable to awards issued prior to December 26, 2014 and Subpart 3.2 is applicable to awards issued on or after December 26, 2014.

The five added programs are:

- CFDA 14.267—Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- CFDA 14.269—Hurricane Sandy Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grants (CDBG-DR)
- CFDA 20.616—National Priority Safety Programs (as part of existing cluster 20.001—Wage Rate Requirements Cross Cutting Section)
- CFDA 21.015—Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States
- CFDA 93.545—Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) Program

The eleven deleted programs are:

- CFDA 93.991—Preventive Health and Services Block Grant
- CFDA 84.037—Student Financial Assistance Cluster—Perkins Loan Cancellations (part of Student Financial Aid Cluster)
- CFDA 14.253—Community Development Block Grant ARRA Entitlement Grants (CDBG-R) (Recovery Act Funded)
- CFDA 14.254—Community Development Block Grants/Special Purpose Grants/Insular Areas—(Recovery Act Funded)
- CFDA 14.255—Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii—(Recovery Act Funded)
- CFDA 14.884—Public Housing Capital Fund Competitive (Recovery Act Funded)
- CFDA 14.885—Public Housing Capital Fund Stimulus (Formula) (Recovery Act Funded)
- CFDA 16.803—Recovery Act—Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/Grants to States and Territories
- CFDA 16.804—Recovery Act—Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/Grants to Units of Local Government
- CFDA 93.719—State Grants to Promote Health Information Technology
- CFDA 93.408—Nurse Faculty Loan Program (ARRA-NFLP)

A list of changes to the 2015 Supplement can be found at Appendix V. Appendix VII provides an audit alert concerning deletion of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act programs from clusters (which accounts for many of the deleted programs), an updated coverage treatment of National Institutes of Health awards and low-risk auditee criteria.