

assign a special new employer rate (of not less than 1 percent) in accordance with the last paragraph of Section 3303(a), FUTA, to employers transferring operations.⁷

8. *Action.* States are to review existing State law and rules involving transfers of experience to ensure that the Federal law requirements as set forth in this program letter are met.

9. *Inquiries.* Please direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.

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Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program; Availability of Benefit Accuracy Measurement (Formerly Benefits Quality Control) Annual Report Results

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Unemployment Insurance Benefit Accuracy Measurement (Formerly Benefits Quality Control) Annual Report for Calendar Year 1995.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) (formerly Benefits Quality Control (BQC)) 1995 Annual Report which contains the results of each State's Benefit Accuracy Measurement Program and how it may be obtained.

DATES: The Federal digest will be available after July 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies may be obtained by writing to Mary Ann Wyrsh, Director, Unemployment Insurance Service, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-4231, Washington, D.C. 20210. The digest and this notice contain a list of names and addresses of persons in each State who will provide additional information regarding the individual State report and clarifications upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Burman Skrable, Division of Performance Review, Data Analysis and Data Validation Team, 202-219-5922. (This is not a toll free number.)

⁷ From a solvency perspective this is also more prudent. For example, an employer transferring a large reserve balance for experience rating purposes is not transferring the contributions which created the balance. If the transferring employer eventually laid off large numbers of workers, the new State's fund as a whole will subsidize the transferring employer. At the same time, the transferring employer may not see any significant change in its rate of contribution to make up for this subsidization. Since a new employer rate is temporary, the risk to the fund would not be as great.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each week, staff in each State's Employment Security Agency investigate random samples of UI benefit payments and record information based on interviews with claimants, employers, and third parties to determine whether State law, policy, and procedure were followed correctly in processing the sampled payment.

The Department of Labor is publishing results from the investigations in a digest which includes information of the 52 jurisdictions participating in the UI BAM program. Five items are reported for each State: Total UI benefit dollars paid to the population of claimants, size of the BAM samples, and the percentages of proper payments, overpayments, and underpayments in the population estimated from the BAM investigations. Ninety-five percent confidence intervals have been computed for each of the three percentages presented (proper payments, overpayments, and underpayments). States have been encouraged to provide narratives to further clarify the meaning of the data based on their specific situations.

Since States' laws, policies, and procedures vary considerably, the data cannot be used to draw comparisons among States.

Effective with calendar year 1995, States are no longer required to publish their report data; however, persons wanting clarification or additional information concerning a specific State's report are encouraged to contact the individual identified in the following mailing list.

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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