

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or for-profit; not-for-institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 4,150.

Estimated Time Per respondent: 2.2 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 9,000 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The proposed laboratory research will be conducted from Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 through FY 2002 to enhance data quality in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) surveys. Improvements will be made by examining psychological and cognitive aspects of the BLS data collection procedures, including questionnaire design, interviewing procedures, and administration technology.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wage 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 in the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified class 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 determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from 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 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 in 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

Pennsylvania:

PA990002 (Mar. 12, 1999)
PA990003 (Mar. 12, 1999)
PA990017 (Mar. 12, 1999)
PA990038 (Mar. 12, 1999)
PA990042 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Virginia:

VA990057 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Volume III

Florida:

FL990001 (Mar. 12, 1999)
FL990015 (Mar. 12, 1999)
FL990049 (Mar. 12, 1999)
FL990053 (Mar. 12, 1999)
FL990055 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Volume IV

Michigan:

MI990001 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990002 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990003 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990004 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990005 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990012 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990030 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990031 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990046 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990047 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990060 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990062 (Mar. 12, 1999)
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MI990084 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990085 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990086 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990087 (Mar. 12, 1999)
MI990088 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Volume V

Kansas:

KS990006 (Mar. 12, 1999)
KS990008 (Mar. 12, 1999)
KS990009 (Mar. 12, 1999)
KS990011 (Mar. 12, 1999)
KS990012 (Mar. 12, 1999)
KS990013 (Mar. 12, 1999)
KS990025 (Mar. 12, 1999)
KS990026 (Mar. 12, 1999)

KS990069 (Mar. 12, 1999)

KS990070 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Louisiana:

LA990005 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Texas:

TX990005 (Mar. 12, 1999)

TX990010 (Mar. 12, 1999)

TX990014 (Mar. 12, 1999)

TX990018 (Mar. 12, 1999)

TX990019 (Mar. 12, 1999)

TX990054 (Mar. 12, 1999)

TX990100 (Mar. 12, 1999)

TX990114 (Mar. 12, 1999)

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

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 21st day of October 1999.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, 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 continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This 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 Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the information collection requests (ICR) incorporated in regulation pertaining to the required content of Summary Plan Descriptions under ERISA, 29 CFR 2520.102-3. A copy of the ICR may be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the addressee section below on or before December 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782; Fax: (202) 219-4745. These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 104(b)(1) of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) requires that the administrator of an employee benefit plan furnish plan participants and beneficiaries with Summary Plan Description (SPDs) which describe, in language understandable to an average plan participant, the benefits, rights and obligations of the participants in the plan. Plan administrators are required to furnish SPDs to participants and beneficiaries within 90 days after the participant is covered by the plan. The information required to be contained in the SPD is set forth in section 102(b) of

the statute. To the extent that there is a material modification in the terms of the plan or a change in the information required to be contained in the SPD, section 104(b)(1) requires that the administrator furnish participants and beneficiaries with a summary of such change within 210 days following the end of the plan year in which the change was adopted. Regulations published at 29 CFR 2520.102-3 provide guidance on the required contents of the SPD.

Review Focus

The Department 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; 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 submission of responses.

Current Actions: The Department is not proposing or implementing changes to the existing ICR at this time. Comments received in response to this notice will be incorporated in the submission to OMB for continued clearance of the ICR.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collections of information.

Agency: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Titles: Summary Plan Description Requirements under ERISA (SMM/SPD).

OMB Number: 1210-0039.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 2,027,293.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Responses: 160,703,000.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,928,889.

Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$216,316,365.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection