

Title: Unemployment Insurance Denied Claim Accuracy Measurement Pilot Project.

OMB Number: 1205-0 new.

Frequency: Weekly.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 9,990.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour 39 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 16,335.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$457,500.

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

Description: The Benefits Accuracy Measurement (BAM) program provides reliable estimates of the accuracy of benefit payment in the Unemployment Insurance program and identifies the sources of mispayments so that their causes can be eliminated. It does not measure the accuracy of decisions denying benefits and therefore is incomplete. This is an operational pilot to prepare for nationwide measurement of denials accuracy.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Baker v. Reich.

OMB Number: 1205-0372 (revision).

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 168.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

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

Description: This information collection is necessary to comply with a Federal Court Order to obtain data on number of workers that may be entitled to Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) under the North American Free Trade Agreement—Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) program.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; United States City Average

Pursuant to Section 112 of the 1976 amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act (Pub. L. 94-283, 2 U.S.C. 441a), the Secretary of Labor has

certified to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission and publishes this notice in the Federal Register that the United States City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (1967=100) increased 218.1 percent from its 1974 annual average of 147.7 to its 1996 annual average of 469.9. Using 1974 as a base (1974=100), I certify that the United States City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers thus increased 218.1 percent from its 1974 annual average of 100 to its 1996 annual average of 318.1.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on the 19th day of February 1997.

Cynthia A. Metzler,

Acting Secretary of Labor.

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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 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 determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes 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 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, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Withdrawn General Wage Determination Decisions

This is to advise all interested parties that the Department of Labor is withdrawing, from the date of this notice, General Wage Determination Nos. OK970047 and OK970048 dated February 14, 1997.

Agencies with construction projects pending, to which these wage decisions would have been applicable, should utilize Wage Decisions OK970040 and OK970044. Contracts for which bids

have been opened shall not be affected by this notice. Also, consistent with 29 CFR 1.6© (I) (A), when the opening of bids is less than ten (10) days from the date of this notice, this action shall be effective unless the agency finds that there is insufficient time to notify bidders of the change and the finding is documented in the contract file.

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.

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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 (703) 487-4630.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 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 28th day of February 1997.

Margaret Washington,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Ground Control Plan

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/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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the information collection related to Ground Control Plans. MSHA 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.