

Announcement and Application Kit will describe: The purpose of the program, background, goal, program strategy, eligibility requirements, award period, award amount, and application due date. A panel of qualified Government employees will be established to review and rank the applications. Applicants may be public or private non-profit or for-profit organizations (for-profit organizations must waive their profit in order to be eligible). Awards will be made to an organization or agency offering the greatest potential for achieving the program's goals on the basis of information provided in the applicants' proposal and assessments of past performance on OVC/OJP grants. Funding decisions will be made by the Director of OVC. The anticipated funding level of this program for FY97 and future years is not guaranteed but is contingent upon the amount of funding available in those years for discretionary purposes. All applications are due March 14, 1997.

Purpose

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to provide training and technical assistance to federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, formula and special emphasis grantees, and other public and private non-profit organizations involved in activities related to crime victims. The assistance may be provided in the form of conferences, workshops, focus groups, training programs, site-specific technical assistance, development of publications and other materials, or other forms of assistance which encourage the effective implementation of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended. The cooperative agreement will provide for on-site training and technical assistance to address significant operational problems commonly experienced by agencies, as well as, immediate on-site technical assistance to communities that have experienced an incident resulting in large numbers of crime victims. It is intended to encourage states to include the policies, programs and strategies developed through OVC's promising practices and other discretionary grants, into their state and local community services for crime victims.

The OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) will offer a centralized access point for information about OVC's training and technical assistance resources. It will develop and disseminate training and technical assistance materials on topics of interest to the field, and mobilize specialized teams to address these topics and other identified areas of need. The TTAC will

also assess and evaluate the training and technical assistance provided by TTAC components to ensure that high standards of quality are maintained.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

Aileen Adams,

Director, OVC.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection of the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data and the ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report; 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/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 and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision and extension of the collection of the ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report and the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger. The proposed change is to the reported initial claims figure on the ETA 538. With the advent of increased direct telephone claims taking of interstate initial claims, to have the most accurate and timely data requires the interstate component of this item be changed to the sum of all agent and liable interstate claims taken directly by the State in the report. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 25, 1997.

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 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.

ADDRESSES: Cynthia Ambler, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, room S-4231, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, 20210; telephone number (202) 219-9204; fax (202) 219-8506 (these are not toll free numbers) or e-mail amblerc@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ETA 538 and ETA 539 reports contain information on initial claims and continued weeks claimed. These figures are important economic indicators. The ETA 538 is a quick look that allows U.S. figures to be released to the public five days after the close of the period. The ETA 539 contains more refined economic indicators that are publishable on a State level as well as information of the Extended Benefits trigger level and the background data supporting it. Several States have begun using the telephone for interstate claimants to file directly with liable States, by-passing the agent State. This trend will continue. It is necessary to change what is being reported as initial claims on the ETA 538 so that claims are not double counted or missed entirely. Therefore the definition of interstate claims to be reported on the ETA 538 has been changed to all those claims received directly from the claimant by the reporting State, whether in an agent or liable capacity, during the report week.

II. Current Actions

The ETA 538 and ETA 539 reports continue to be needed to verify the

trigger for the Extended Benefits program and to allow publication of timely and accurate economic indicators for the nation.

Type of review: Extension with change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0028.

Agency Number: ETA 538 and ETA 539.

Affected Public: State Government.
Cite/Reference/Form/etc: ETA 538 and ETA 539.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Weekly.

Total Responses: 5,512.

Average Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,675.

Total Burden Cost (capital/start): Estimated at \$110,240 which is an allowable cost under the administrative grants awarded to States by the Federal Government.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: December 18, 1996.

Mary Ann Wyrsh,

Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.

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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 prescribe 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 modification 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 in the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organizations, 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.

New General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions added to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts" are listed by Volume and States:

Volume VI

California

CA960100 (December 27, 1996)

CA960105 (December 27, 1996)

CA960109 (December 27, 1996)

CA960110 (December 27, 1996)

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

Massachusetts

MA960018 (March 15, 1996)

Volume II

None

Volume III

Georgia

GA960022 (Mar. 15, 1996)

GA960087 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Kentucky

KY960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960025 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960026 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960027 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960028 (Mar. 15, 1996)

KY960029 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume IV

Indiana

IN960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)

IN960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)

IN960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)

IN960006 (Mar. 15, 1996)

IN960018 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Michigan

MI960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960004 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960007 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960012 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960030 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960031 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960047 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960062 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960063 (Mar. 15, 1996)

MI960064 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Ohio

OH960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)