

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 37,500.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 75,000.

Average Minutes per Response: 20.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 25,000.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating and 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 9, 1998.

Cecily A. Rayburn,

Director, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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.

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

New Jersey
NJ980002 (Feb. 13, 1998)
NJ980003 (Feb. 13, 1998)

New York
NY980004 (Feb. 13, 1998)

Volume II

West Virginia
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WV980003 (Feb. 13, 1998)
WV980004 (Feb. 13, 1998)

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CA980032 (Feb. 13, 1998)

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, 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, D.C., this 9th Day of October 1998.

Margaret J. Washington,

Acting Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group Studying Small Businesses: How To Enhance and Encourage the Establishment of Pension Plans, Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held Thursday, November 12, 1998, of the Advisory Council on Employee

Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group studying the obstacles to why small businesses are not establishing retirement vehicles for their employees when so many different savings arrangements are available. The Working Group also is focusing on how to encourage these businesses to establish such pension plans.

The session will take place in Room N-4437 C&D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m., is for Working Group members to complete their report and/or recommendations.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before November 5, 1998, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by November 5, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before November 5.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of October, 1998.

Meredith Miller,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; 104th Public Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement

Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 104th public meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held on Friday, November 13, 1998.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. in The Secretary's Conference Room S-2508, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, is for working group chairs and vice chairs to present their groups' final reports/recommendations of the year to the full Advisory Council for its action on their findings and/or acceptance before the reports are officially forwarded to the Secretary of Labor. The meeting also will provide the opportunity for an update on activities of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of that organization and for a formal ceremony of appreciation for outgoing members of the Advisory Council.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the study topics by submitting 20 copies on or before November 5, 1998, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by November 5, 1998, at the address indicated in this notice.

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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 9th day of October, 1998.

Meredith Miller,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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