

Agreement for Participation in U.S. Department of Labor Lock-ups

I accept an advance copy of embargoed information from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) with the explicit understanding and agreement that I will not leave the lock-up facility, transmit, or otherwise communicate any information outside the room before the official release time. I have read and will abide by the procedures of the DOL Press Lock-ups, as set forth in the July 6, 2012, Policy Statement and News Organization Agreement and this Embargo Agreement. I agree to abide by the express terms of the Policy Statement and News Organization Agreement notwithstanding that they are not reproduced herein.

The DOL Press Lock-up procedures prohibit bringing anything other than paper materials into the lock-up facility. In particular, I agree not to bring into the lock-up facility or use any type of equipment or device that has not been approved by DOL, including but not limited to computers; smartphones, cellular, tablets and other handheld electronic devices; air cards; personal digital assistants; wireless or radio-equipped devices; cameras; calculators; storage media such as discs and flash/thumb drives; writing instruments; bags; outerwear; umbrellas; and other personal effects.

If I am a participant in the television lock-up, in addition to the terms above, I understand that I may not speak or communicate in any way with anyone – other than to perform a sound check as described in the DOL Policy Statement and News Organization Agreement – while outside of the lock-up facility during the embargo period. I understand that a verbal signal to transmit from a designated DOL staff person is the only authorized cue that reporting may begin.

I understand that, should I violate the terms of this Agreement or any of the DOL Press Lock-up procedures, DOL may, at its discretion, impose a sanction against me and/or my news organization, including immediately barring me or, in the case of a particularly egregious and/or willful violation, my organization from entering the DOL lock-up facility, either temporarily or permanently.