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Dated at Washington, DC, December 29, 1997.

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Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Civil Rights Center; Proposed 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/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [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 Civil Rights Center within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management is soliciting comments concerning the

proposed extension of the collection of the "Compliance Information Report—29 CFR part 31 (Title VI), Nondiscrimination-Disability—29 CFR part 32 (Sec. 504), Nondiscrimination-Job Training Partnership Act—29 CFR part 34 (Section 167)." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this notice. In addition, a copy of the ICR in alternate formats of large print and electronic file on computer disk are available upon request.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 3, 1998.

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 a 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.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Annabelle T. Lockhart, Director, Civil Rights Center, Office of the Assistant

Secretary for Administration and Management, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room N-4123, Washington, DC 20210. Ms. Lockhart can be reached at (202) 219-9827 (voice) (this is not a toll-free number) or (800) 326-2577 (TTY/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Compliance Information Report and its information collection is designated to ensure that programs or activities funded in whole or in part by the Department of Labor operate in a nondiscriminatory manner. The Report requires such programs and activities to collect, maintain and report upon request from the Department, race, sex, age and disability data for program applicants, eligible applicants, participants, trainees, applicants for employment and employees.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements in the Compliance Information Report. Extension is necessary to ensure nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded in whole or in part by the Department of Labor.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Civil Rights Center, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management.

Title: Compliance Information Report—29 CFR part 31 (Title VI), Nondiscrimination-Disability—29 CFR part 32 (Section 504), Nondiscrimination-Job Training Partnership Act—29 CFR part 34 (Section 167)

OMB Number: 1225-0046.

Affected public: Not-for-profit, State, local or Tribal governments.

| Respondents | Frequency | Total responses | Average time per response | Burden (hours) |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Compliance Information: 38,270,607 | Recordkeeping | 38,270,607 | 20 seconds | 212,615 |
| Employment Recordkeeping: 117,975 | Recordkeeping | 117,975 | 5 seconds | 164 |
| Complaint Log: 1139 | Recordkeeping | 149 | 3 minutes | 8 |
| Compliance Information Reporting: 11 | Once | 11 | 16 hours | 264 |
| Assurances: 1139 | Once | 1139 | 2 minutes | 38 |
| Disability Compliance Reports: 11 | Once | 11 | 30 minutes | 5.5 |

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):
\$0.00.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/
maintenance):* \$113,900.00.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and included in the request for Office and Management approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 29th day of December, 1997.

Annabelle T. Lockhart,

Director, Civil Rights Center.

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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 Determinations 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:

None

Volume III:

None

Volume IV:

None

Volume V:

None

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 (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, D.C. This 24th Day of December 1997.

Carl J. Poleskey,

*Chief, Branch of Construction Wage
Determinations.*

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