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(c) Juan Cockburn, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 401-Q, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Paul J. Luckern is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with § 210.13 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a) of the Commission's rules, such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of the respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the

allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter both an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against such respondent.

Issued: February 5, 2001.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

2001 National Research Conference; Call for Papers

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of request for information.

SUMMARY: This document requests empirical/non-empirical papers related to workforce development issues for the purpose of developing a comprehensive agenda for a National Research Conference to be convened in Washington, DC on June 26-27, 2001.

DATES: Papers submitted for inclusion in the agenda for the National Workforce Security Research Conference must be received by March 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Papers should be sent to the Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Esther R. Johnson.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Esther R. Johnson, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, Room S-4231, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, Email erjohnson@doleta.gov, telephone (202) 693-3165. This is not a toll-free number. To review previously published studies by the Office of Workforce Security, access via the Internet at <http://wdr.doleta.gov/owsdrr/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is the Federal government agency responsible for implementing a national workforce security system that enables workers and employers to compete and succeed in an ever-changing economy. This is accomplished through the provision of world-class labor market information, job search assistance, training, and unemployment insurance benefits, to manage the risks associated with unemployment, declining income, and skill shortages. Its most recent effort, the implementation of the Workforce Investment Act, combines a variety of workforce development programs and initiatives under one umbrella—the One-Stop System—to effectively serve the needs of job-seekers, workers, and employers in the changing workforce development environment at the onset of the 21st century economy.

In light of major changes in the macro-economy that have taken place in the areas of technological transformation, increasing globalization, and changing demographics over recent years, and the resulting effects of rising workforce insecurity, the Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, will hold its first national research conference. The conference will focus on issues related to impacts, trends, and challenges of the macro-economy to workforce development, the significance of recent changes in workforce development, workforce competitiveness in global economy, workforce security in our new economy, and major policy options to promote economic opportunities for our workforce.

B. Information Requested

This is a call for empirical/non-empirical papers related to workforce development issues. We are seeking recently completed papers and papers that will be completed prior to the conference. We encourage contributions by researchers from academia, State or local agencies, business organizations, labor associations, research consulting firms, and other organizations. Possible topics may include, but are not limited to:

1. Unemployment Insurance Program—(program administration, benefit coverage, benefit duration, benefit eligibility, contingent workers, benefit financing, economic stabilization, reciprocity rate, contingent workers, dislocated workers, telephone remote claims);

2. Employment Services—(labor exchange services, labor market information and emerging labor markets, the role of labor market intermediaries, worker profiling and reemployment services, the role of self-directed services, the role of the private sector in training and reemployment services, and bridging the gap between skills and employer needs);

3. One-Stop System—(administration, program linkages/connectivity, financing, innovative strategies for providing services);

4. Assisting low-wage workers—(role of workforce development system in assisting low-wage, female, and informal sector labor force);

5. Welfare Reform—(impact on and connection to workforce development programs); and

6. Technology and labor market—(role of Internet in job search and employment services, labor market mobility, training, technology and job creation).

All papers submitted will be reviewed by a panel of DOL experts in the workforce development arena, and presenters will be notified if their papers are selected. Papers selected for the conference will be published as part of our OWS Occasional Paper Series. Travel and accommodation expenses for invited presenters will be paid by the Office of Workforce Security. If interested, please submit your paper/abstract in hard copy and diskette/CD (Word Perfect or Word) by March 16, 2001. Papers should be doubled-spaced and single-sided. You will be notified by April 4, 2001 if your paper is selected; you will have to confirm your attendance by April 10, 2001. We also encourage submitting abstracts for papers that have not yet been completed, but will be completed before the deadline for submission of papers. Consistent with 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4), this is a general solicitation of information from the general public.

C. Public Participation

The Conference will be held on June 26 and 27, 2001 in Washington, D.C. This Conference is open to the public; there is no registration fee. For registration information, please contact H.M.A Associates, Inc., 1000 Thomas Jefferson St., NW, Suite 309, Washington, DC, 20007, Attn: Peggie Edwards-Jefferies or email them at HMASSOC@worldnet.att.net.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of January, 2001.

Raymond L. Bramucci,
Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training 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

None.

Volume II

None.

Volume III

None.

Volume IV

None.

Volume V

None.