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DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, e-mail bell.hazel@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8133. The Act provides that eligible dependents of deceased employees receive compensation benefits on account of the employee's death. The OWCP monitors death benefits for current marital status, potential for dual benefits, and other criteria for qualifying as a dependent under the law. The CA-12 is sent annually to beneficiaries in death cases to ensure that their status has not changed and that they remain entitled to benefits. This information collection is currently approved for use through May 31, 2005.

II. Review Focus

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 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.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information to determine eligibility for benefits.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Claim for Continuance of Compensation.

OMB Number: 1215-0154.

Agency Number: CA-12.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 5,450.

Total Annual Responses: 5,450.

Average Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 454.

Frequency: Annually.

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (Operating/Maintenance): \$2,017.00.

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: November 15, 2004.

Bruce Bohanon,

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, 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 supersedeas 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, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modification to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions listed to 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 the publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

Volume I

None

Volume II

None

Volume III

Georgia

GA030053 (Jun. 13, 2003)

Kentucky

KY030001 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030002 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030003 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030004 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030005 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030006 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030007 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030029 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030035 (Jun. 13, 2003)

KY030039 (Jun. 13, 2003)

Volume IV

Illinois

IL030001 (Jun. 13, 2003)

IL030006 (Jun. 13, 2003)

IL030007 (Jun. 13, 2003)

IL030009 (Jun. 13, 2003)

IL030012 (Jun. 13, 2003)

IL030014 (Jun. 13, 2003)

IL030025 (Jun. 13, 2003)

IL030026 (Jun. 13, 2003)

IL030048 (Jun. 13, 2003)

Ohio

OH030003 (Jun. 13, 2003)

Volume V

Arkansas

AR030001 (Jun. 13, 2003)

AR030003 (Jun. 13, 2003)

AR030008 (Jun. 13, 2003)

AR030023 (Jun. 13, 2003)

AR030027 (Jun. 13, 2003)

Louisiana

LA030002 (Jun. 13, 2003)

LA030005 (Jun. 13, 2003)

LA030006 (Jun. 13, 2003)

LA030012 (Jun. 13, 2003)

LA030014 (Jun. 13, 2003)

LA030052 (Jun. 13, 2003)

Missouri

MO030001 (Jun. 13, 2003)

MO030003 (Jun. 13, 2003)

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MO030020 (Jun. 13, 2003)

MO030041 (Jun. 13, 2003)

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Idaho

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Oregon

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WA030001 (Jun. 13, 2003)

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WA030007 (Jun. 13, 2003)

Volume VII

California

CA030001 (Jun. 13, 2003)

CA030009 (Jun. 13, 2003)

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.

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically at no cost on the Government Printing Office site at

www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon. They are also available electronically by subscription to the Davis-Bacon Online Service (<http://davisbacon.fedworld.gov>) of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068. This subscription offers value-added features such as electronic delivery of modified wage decisions directly to the user's desktop, the ability to access prior wage decisions issued during the year, extensive Help Desk Support, etc.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 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 six 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 will be distributed to subscribers.

Signed in Washington, DC this 10 day of November, 2004.

John Frank,

Acting Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Examinations & Testing of Electrical Equipment Including Exam, Testing, and Maintenance of High Voltage Longwalls

ACTION: Notice.

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