

Approach to Generating Non-Federal Cost Estimates (Tables 6 and 7)

- 1) Unadjusted 2012 Rates are obtained from http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_stru.htm
- 2) Management Rates are found at the link next to 11-0000 (<http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes110000.htm>). On this page, use the “Create Customized Tables” Function (link found underneath the National Estimates table).
- 3) In the following screens, select “One occupation for multiple industries”/”MANAGEMENT OCCUPATIONS 110000”/”Sector 99 – Federal, State, and Local Government (OES Designation)”/”State Government, excluding schools and hospitals (OES Designation)” AND “Local Government, excluding schools and hospitals (OES Designation)”/”Hourly Mean Wage”. The retrieved numbers (for May 2012) should be \$39.54 for state government and \$38.11 for local government.
- 4) The average of these two numbers (\$38.83) is the unadjusted labor rate.
- 5) Multiply the number from Step 4 by 1.5 to adjust for benefits. The resulting number should be \$58.24.
- 6) Multiply the number from Step 5 by 1.17 to adjust for overhead. The resulting number should be \$68.14.
- 7) The calculated \$68.14 was used as the Managerial Hours per Response/Year in Tables 6 and 7.
- 8) To obtain the technical rates, go to the “Create Customized Tables” link at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes190000.htm>.
- 9) In the following screens, select “One occupation for multiple industries”/”LIFE, PHYSICAL, AND SOCIAL SCIENCE OCCUPATIONS 190000”/”Sector 99 – Federal, State, and Local Government (OES Designation)”/”State Government, excluding schools and hospitals (OES Designation)” AND “Local Government, excluding schools and hospitals (OES Designation)”/”Hourly Mean Wage”. The retrieved numbers (for May 2012) should be \$26.86 for state government and \$28.96 for local government.
- 10) Take the mean of the two numbers retrieved in Step 9 (\$27.91) and adjust this value using the multipliers cited in Steps 5-7. The resulting value is \$48.98. The calculated \$48.98 was used as the Managerial Hours per Response/Year in Tables 6 and 7.

Approach to Generating Federal Cost Estimates (Tables 8 and 9)

- 1) Unadjusted 2010 Rates are obtained from http://archive.opm.gov/oca/10tables/html/gs_h.asp.
- 2) The appropriate GS13 (\$38.92) and GS14 (\$45.99) unadjusted rates are found in the “Step 5” column. The row corresponding to B in the “B/O” column was used.
- 3) Multiply the numbers in Step 2 by 1.5 to adjust for benefits. The resulting numbers for GS13 and GS14 are \$58.38 and \$68.99, respectively.
- 4) The above numbers do not need to be adjusted for wage escalation (due to the wage freeze). As a result, these two values were used in Tables 8 and 9.