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Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of February, 2019.

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*Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Wage and Hour Division

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Information Collections Requests To Approve Conformed Wage Classifications and Unconventional Fringe Benefit Plans Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts and Contract Works Hours and Safety Standards Act

**AGENCY:** Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension to the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Requests to Approve Conformed Wage Classifications and Unconventional Fringe Benefit Plans Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts and Contract Works Hours and Safety Standards Act." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

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. A copy of the proposed information request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before April 29, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Control Number 1235-0023, by either one of the following methods: *Email: WHDPRAComments@dol.gov; Mail, Hand Delivery, Courier:* Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit

one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Smith, Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-0023 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*I. Background:* The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the Department of Labor (DOL) administers the Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) and Davis-Bacon Related Acts (DBRA), 40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA), 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.* Regulations 29 CFR part 5 prescribe labor standards for federally financed and assisted construction contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, and labor standards for all contracts subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The DBA and DBRA require payment of locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits, as determined by the Department of Labor, to laborers and mechanics on most federally financed or assisted construction projects. The CWHSSA requires the payment of one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for hours worked over forty in a week on most federal contracts involving the employment of laborers or mechanics. The requirements of this information collection consist of: (1) Reports of conformed classifications and wage rates, and (2) requests for approval of unfunded fringe benefit plans.

*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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- 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;
- 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 an approval for the extension of this information collection in order to ensure effective administration of the government contract programs.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Wage and Hour Division.

*Title:* Requests to Approve Conformed Wage Classifications and Unconventional Fringe Benefit Plans Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts and Contract Works Hours and Safety Standards Act.

*OMB Number:* 1235-0023.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Total Respondents:* 8,500 Conformance Reports, 18 Unfunded Fringe Benefit Plans.

*Total Annual Responses:* 8,500 Conformance Reports, 3 Unfunded Fringe Benefit Plans.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,125 hours (Conformance Reports), 18 hours (Unfunded Fringe Benefit Plans).

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes (Conformance Report), 1 hour (Unfunded Fringe Benefit Plans).

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$4,941.

*Total Burden Cost (operation/maintenance):* \$64,727.

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