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Dear Employer,

Your firm has <estab\_count> establishments selected to participate in the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program, which is conducted by [state\_agency] in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Your participation is essential for developing the highest quality employment and wage data for the citizens of your state.

What information do I need to provide?

All we need from you is the specific job title, a brief description of duties, and the wage rate for each employee at the locations listed at the end of this letter for the pay period that included <refer\_date>.

Are you reporting for a school?

Please see the additional school instructions at [www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/instructions.htm#school](http://www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/instructions.htm#school).

Is this report mandatory?

Yes. [state\_mandatory]

How will my information be used?

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. All identifying information for non-government establishments will be held in strict confidence to the full extent permitted by law. OEWS information is used to support education and training decisions to help build a skilled workforce.

How do I report my data?

You may find it easiest to submit a single spreadsheet with data for all employees at the locations listed at the end of this letter. Please include the IDCF number or another location identifier for each employee. There are example spreadsheets on the next page. You can use your own spreadsheet or download our template from <https://www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/template.xlsx>.

- **Email** à Send an email to [state\_email] with one or more data files attached and your IDCF numbers in the subject line. BLS encourages respondents to encrypt the attachment and send the password in a separate email. Please do not include sensitive information in the body or text of the email.
- **Phone** à Call us at [state\_phone]. This is often the fastest method for firms with fewer than 20 employees.

Which locations do I report for?

Please refer to the last page of this letter for the list of requested locations.

When do I need to provide my information?

Please respond within two weeks. Your timely response will help reduce program costs and save taxpayer money by eliminating the need for additional mailings and telephone calls to you.

What if I have questions?

If you have any questions or if we can help you submit your data, please call or email us. For more information, visit [www.bls.gov/respondents/oes](http://www.bls.gov/respondents/oes) [and [state\\_site](#)].

Thank you! We know you are busy and appreciate your help providing this important information!

Sincerely,

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Spreadsheet example 1

IDCF #	Job title	Description of duties	Hourly wage rate (part-time or full-time employees)	Annual salary (full-time employees only)	# of employees in this job with this exact wage
002325555555	Forklift operator	Drive forklift in warehouse	\$23.40		2
002325555555	Forklift operator	Drive forklift in warehouse	\$17.05		10
002325555555	Warehouse supervisor	Supervise warehouse		\$58,620	1
002328888888	Webmaster	Maintain website	\$28.82		1
002328888888	Computer user support	IT support	\$18.87		2
002321111111	General manager	Manage company		\$153,230	1
002321111111	Sales manager	Manage sales		\$140,390	1
002321111111	Bookkeeper	Maintain financial records	\$22.20		1

Spreadsheet example 2

Location	Job title	Description of duties	Hourly wage rate (part-time or full-time employees)	Annual salary (full-time employees only)	# of employees in this job with this exact wage
Store 12	Store manager	Manage store		\$47,992	1
Store 12	Retail salesperson	Sell merchandise	\$14.25		10

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As a participant in a Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) statistical survey, you should be aware that use of electronic transmittal methods in reporting data to the BLS involves certain inherent risks to the confidentiality of those data. Further, you should be aware that responsible electronic transmittal practices employed by the BLS cannot completely eliminate those risks. The BLS is committed to the responsible treatment of confidential information and takes rigorous security measures to protect confidential information in its possession.

We estimate that the time required to complete this report will vary from 10 minutes to 2 hours, depending on factors such as the size of the establishment. This includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing this information. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspects of this report, including suggestions for reducing this burden, send them to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (1220-0042), 2 Massachusetts Ave NE, Suite 2135, Washington, DC 20212. This report is authorized by law 29 U.S.C. §2. We request your cooperation to make the results of this report comprehensive, accurate, and timely. You do not have to complete this questionnaire if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. Form Approved, O.M.B. No. 1220-0042.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 USC Section 3572) and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent except in the case of state and local governments. The BLS publishes statistical tabulations from this report that may reveal the information reported by state and local governments. Upon request, however, the BLS will hold the information provided by state and local governments on this report in confidence. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.

Store 12	Retail salesperson	Sell merchandise	\$15.65		3
Headquarters	Sales manager	Direct sales for entire company		\$144,354	1
Headquarters	Webmaster	Maintain company website	\$31.23		1
Headquarters	Admin assistant	Assist sales manager	\$32.68		1

List of locations

Please provide occupation and wage data for the employees at the following locations. Include the establishment IDCF number or other location identifier for each employee.

IDCF #	Establishment Name	Reporting Unit Description	Estimated Employment	Establishment Address	Industry
<sched_num_1>	<trade_name_1>	<rpt_unit_descr_1>	<bmk_empl_1 >	<addr_line1_1> <city_1> <state_1>	NAICS <naics_code_1> <naics_title_1>
<sched_num_2>	<trade_name_2>	<rpt_unit_descr_2>	<bmk_empl_2 >	<addr_line1_2> <city_2> <state_2>	NAICS <naics_code_2> <naics_title_2>
<sched_num_3>	<trade_name_3>	<rpt_unit_descr_3>	<bmk_empl_3 >	<addr_line1_3> <city_3> <state_3>	NAICS <naics_code_3> <naics_title_3>