

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce the annual Labor Surplus Area (LSA) list for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

**DATES:** The annual LSA list is effective October 1, 2020, for all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samuel Wright, Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-4514, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-2870 (This is not a toll-free number) or email [wright.samuel.e@dol.gov](mailto:wright.samuel.e@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Labor's regulations implementing Executive Orders 12073 and 10582 are set forth at 20 CFR part 654, subpart A. These regulations require the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) to classify jurisdictions as LSAs pursuant to the criteria specified in the regulations, and to publish annually a list of LSAs. Pursuant to those regulations, ETA is hereby publishing the annual LSA list.

In addition, the regulations provide exceptional circumstance criteria for classifying LSAs when catastrophic events, such as natural disasters, plant closings, and contract cancellations are expected to have a long-term impact on labor market area conditions, discounting temporary or seasonal factors. Please note, high unemployment due to COVID-19 will be considered an exceptional circumstance.

**Eligible Labor Surplus Areas**

A LSA is a civil jurisdiction that has a civilian average annual unemployment rate during the previous two calendar years of 20 percent or more above the average annual civilian unemployment rate for all states during the same 24-month reference period. ETA uses only official unemployment estimates provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in making these classifications. The average unemployment rate for all states includes data for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The LSA classification criteria stipulate a civil jurisdiction must have a "floor unemployment rate" of 6 percent or higher to be classified a LSA. Any civil jurisdiction that has a "ceiling unemployment rate" of 10 percent or higher is classified a LSA.

Civil jurisdictions are defined as follows:

1. A city of at least 25,000 population on the basis of the most recently

available estimates from the Bureau of the Census; or

2. A town or township in the States of Michigan, New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania of 25,000 or more population and which possess powers and functions similar to those of cities; or

3. All counties, except for those counties which contain any type of civil jurisdictions defined in "1" or "2" above; or

4. A "balance of county" consisting of a county less any component cities and townships identified in "1" or "2" above; or

5. A county equivalent which is a town in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, or a municipio in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**Procedures for Classifying Labor Surplus Areas**

The Department of Labor (DOL) issues the LSA list on a fiscal year basis. The list becomes effective each October 1, and remains in effect through the following September 30. The reference period used in preparing the current list was January 2018 through December 2019. The national average unemployment rate (including Puerto Rico) during this period is rounded to 3.8 percent. Twenty percent higher than the national unemployment rate during this period is rounded to 4.6 percent. Since the calculated unemployment rate plus 20 percent (4.6 percent) is below the "floor" LSA unemployment rate of 6 percent, a civil jurisdiction must have a two-year unemployment rate of 6 percent or higher in order to be classified a LSA. To ensure that all areas classified as labor surplus meet the requirements, when a city is part of a county and meets the unemployment qualifier as a LSA, that city is identified in the LSA list, the balance of county, not the entire county, will be identified as a LSA if the balance of county also meets the LSA unemployment criteria. The FY 2019 LSA list, statistical data on the current and previous years' LSAs are available at [www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/lsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/lsa).

**Petition for Exceptional Circumstance Consideration**

The classification procedures also provide criteria for the designation of LSAs under exceptional circumstances criteria. These procedures permit the regular classification criteria to be waived when an area experiences a significant increase in unemployment which is not temporary or seasonal and which was not reflected in the data for the 2-year reference period. Under the

program's exceptional circumstance procedures, LSA classifications can be made for civil jurisdictions, Metropolitan Statistical Areas or Combined Statistical Areas, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. In order for an area to be classified as a LSA under the exceptional circumstance criteria, the state workforce agency must submit a petition requesting such classification to the Department of Labor's ETA. The current criteria for an exceptional circumstance classification are:

1. An area's unemployment rate is at least 6 percent for each of the three most recent months;

2. A projected unemployment rate of at least 6 percent for each of the next 12 months because of an event; and

3. Documentation that the exceptional circumstance event has occurred. The state workforce agency may file petitions on behalf of civil jurisdictions, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, or Micropolitan Statistical Areas. Please note, high unemployment due to COVID-19 will be considered an exceptional circumstance.

State Workforce Agencies may submit petitions in electronic format to [wright.samuel.e@dol.gov](mailto:wright.samuel.e@dol.gov), or in hard copy to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-4514, Washington, DC 20210, Attention Samuel Wright. Data collection for the petition is approved under OMB 1205-0207, expiration date May 31, 2023.

Signed at Washington, DC.

**John Pallasch,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.*

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES****National Endowment for the Humanities****Meeting of National Council on the Humanities**

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities; National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the National Council on the Humanities will meet to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

with respect to policies, programs and procedures for carrying out his functions; to review applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 and make recommendations thereon to the Chairman; and to consider gifts offered to NEH and make recommendations thereon to the Chairman.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., and Friday, November 20, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. until adjourned.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held by videoconference originating at Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Voyatzis, Committee Management Officer, 400 7th Street SW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20506; (202) 606-8322; [evoyatzis@neh.gov](mailto:evoyatzis@neh.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Council on the Humanities is meeting pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 951-960, as amended). The following Committees of the National Council on the Humanities will convene by videoconference on November 19, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., to discuss specific grant applications and programs before the Council:

- Challenge Programs;
- Digital Humanities;
- Education Programs;
- Federal/State Partnership;
- Preservation and Access;
- Public Programs; and
- Research Programs.

The plenary session of the National Council on the Humanities will convene by videoconference on November 20, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. The agenda for the plenary session will be as follows:

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- B. Reports
  1. Chairman's Remarks
  2. Senior Deputy Chairman's Remarks
  3. Reports on Policy and General Matters
    - a. Challenge Programs
    - b. Digital Humanities
    - c. Education Programs
    - d. Federal/State Partnership
    - e. Preservation and Access
    - f. Public Programs
    - g. Research Programs

This meeting of the National Council on the Humanities will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4), 552b(c)(6), and 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, because it will include review of personal and/or

proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, and discussion of certain information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated April 15, 2016.

Dated: October 27, 2020.

**Caitlin Cater,**

*Attorney-Advisor, National Endowment for the Humanities.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Virtual Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the November 19, 2020, meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee previously announced in the **Federal Register** on Monday, December 23, 2019, at 84 FR 70580, is being changed to a virtual meeting via teleconference. There will be no in-person gathering for this meeting.

This meeting will be open to the public, with an audio option for listening. This notice sets forth the agenda for the meeting and the participation guidelines.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on November 19, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will convene virtually.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madeline Gonzalez, 202-606-2858, or email [pay-leave-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-leave-policy@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Meeting Agenda.* The tentative agenda for this meeting includes the following Federal Wage System items:

- The definition of Monroe County, PA.
- The definition of San Joaquin County, CA.
- The definition of the Salinas-Monterey, CA, wage area.
- The definition of the Puerto Rico wage area.

*Public Participation:* The November 19, 2020, meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is open to the public through advance registration. Public participation is available for the teleconference by audio access only. All individuals who plan to attend the virtual public meeting to listen must register by sending an email to [pay-leave-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-leave-policy@opm.gov) with the subject line "November 19 FPRAC Meeting" no later than Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

The following information must be provided when registering:

- Name.
- Agency and duty station.
- Email address.
- Your topic of interest.

Members of the press, in addition to registering for this event, must also RSVP to [media@opm.gov](mailto:media@opm.gov) by November 17, 2020.

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of the registration. Audio teleconference information for participation will be sent to registrants the morning of the virtual meeting.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Alexys Stanley,**

*Regulatory Affairs Analyst.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. RM2020-9; Order No. 5738]

### Periodic Reporting

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is establishing a comment deadline in this docket. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 15, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A video technical conference was held online in this proceeding via WebEx on September 29, 2020, to consider matters raised by the United Parcel Service proposal (UPS Proposal One) that is the