

program for Florida, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Florida's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending October 17, 2020, was 4.74 percent, falling below the 5.00 percent threshold necessary to remain "on" EB. Therefore, the EB period for Florida ends on November 7, 2020. The state will remain in an "off" period for a minimum of 13 weeks.

- Tennessee's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending October 17, 2020, was 4.84 percent, falling below the 5.00 percent threshold necessary to remain "on" EB. Therefore, the EB period for Tennessee ends on November 7, 2020. The state will remain in an "off" period for a minimum of 13 weeks.

- Wisconsin's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending October 17, 2020, was 4.87 percent, falling below the 5.00 percent threshold necessary to remain "on" EB. Therefore, the EB period for Wisconsin ends on November 7, 2020. The state will remain in an "off" period for a minimum of 13 weeks.

#### Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the state by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state ending an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice to each individual who is currently filing claims for EB of the forthcoming termination of the EB period and its effect on the individual's right to EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance Room S-4524, Attn: Thomas Stengle, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-2991 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: [Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov](mailto:Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC.

**John Pallasch,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) Credit Reduction Applicable in 2020

Sections 3302(c)(2)(A) and 3302(d)(3) of the FUTA provide that employers in a state that has outstanding advances under Title XII of the Social Security Act on January 1 of two or more consecutive years are subject to a reduction in credits otherwise available against the FUTA tax for the calendar year in which the most recent such January 1 occurs, if advances remain on November 10 of that year. Further, Section 3302(c)(2)(C) of FUTA provides for an additional credit reduction for a year if a state has outstanding advances on five or more consecutive January 1 and has a balance on November 10 for such years. Section 3302(c)(2)(C) also provides for waiver of this additional credit reduction and substitution of the credit reduction provided in Section 3302(c)(2)(B) if a state meets certain conditions.

Employers in the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) were potentially liable for the additional credit reduction under Section 3302(c)(2)(C) of FUTA. The jurisdiction applied for the waiver of this additional credit reduction. The Employment and Training Administration determined that USVI met all of the criteria of the section necessary to qualify for the waiver of the additional credit reduction. Therefore employers in USVI will have no additional credit reduction applied for calendar year 2020. However, as a result of having outstanding advances on each January 1 of 2010 through 2020, which had outstanding balances on November 10, 2020, employers in USVI are subject to a FUTA credit reduction of 3.0 percent in 2020.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) Cooperative Agreement Application Package." A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before January 19, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by email to [BLS\\_PRA\\_Public@bls.gov](mailto:BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number.) (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Secretary of Labor has delegated to the BLS the authority to collect, compile, and analyze statistical data on work-related injuries and illnesses, as authorized by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-596). The Cooperative Agreement is designed to allow the BLS to ensure conformance with program objectives. The BLS has full authority over the financial operations of the statistical program. The existing collection of information allows Federal staff to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement with the State Grant Agencies and monitor their financial and programmatic performance and adherence to administrative requirements imposed by the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*

(2 CFR 200) and other grant related regulations. The information collected also is used for planning and budgeting at the Federal level and in meeting Federal reporting requirements. The BLS requires financial reporting that will produce the information that is needed to monitor the financial activities of the BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics grantees.

The Cooperative Agreement application package being submitted for approval is representative of the package sent every year to state agencies. The work statements included in the Cooperative Agreement application also are representative of what is included in the whole OSHS Cooperative Agreement package. The final Cooperative Agreement, including the work statements, will be submitted separately to the Office of Management and Budget for review of any minor

year-to-year information collection burden changes they may contain.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the OSHS Cooperative Agreement application package.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The BLS is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.

- 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.

*Title of Collection:* BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) Cooperative Agreement Application Package.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0149.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Total responses	Average burden	Total burden (hours)
Work Statements .....	56	1	56	2	112
BLS-OSHS2 .....	56	4	224	1	224
BLS-OSHS TCF .....	56	1	56	8/60	7.5
OSHS Budget Variance Request Form .....	20	1	20	15/60	5
BLS-OSHS FRW-A: Base Programs .....	56	1	56	25/60	23.3
BLS-OSHS FRW-B: AAMC .....	5	1	5	25/60	2.1
BLS-OSHS Property Listing .....	28	1	28	25/60	11.7
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>386</b>

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of November 2020.

**Eric Molina,**  
*Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems.*

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**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice on or before January 19, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington,

DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by email to *BLS\_PRA\_Public@bls.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The BLS enters into Cooperative Agreements with State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) annually to provide financial assistance to the SWAs for the production and operation of the following LMI statistical programs: Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, and Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. The Cooperative Agreement provides the basis for managing the administrative and financial aspects of these programs.

The existing collection of information allows Federal staff to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement with the SWAs and monitor their financial and programmatic performance and adherence to administrative