

provides that for workers covered by section 2 of the order who are tipped employees pursuant to section 3(t) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. 203(t), the cash wage that must be paid by an employer to such workers shall be at least: (i) \$10.50 an hour, beginning on January 30, 2022; (ii) beginning January 1, 2023, 85 percent of the wage in effect under section 2 of the order, rounded to the nearest multiple of \$0.05; and (iii) beginning January 1, 2024, and for each subsequent year, 100 percent of the wage in effect under section 2 of the order. 86 FR 22836. Consistent with applicable law, if the wage required to be paid under the SCA, 41 U.S.C. 6701 *et seq.*, or any other applicable law or regulation is higher than the wage required by section 2 of the order, the employer must pay additional cash wages sufficient to meet the highest wage required to be paid. 86 FR 22836.

The Executive Order 14026 minimum wage and the cash wage required for tipped employees are currently \$16.20 and \$13.75 per hour, respectively.² The Department announced these rates on September 30, 2022, and the rates took effect on January 1, 2023. 87 FR 59464.

II. The 2024 Executive Order 14026 Minimum Wage Rate

Using the methodology set forth in Executive Order 14026 and summarized above, the Department must first determine the annual percentage increase in the CPI-W (United States city average, all items, not seasonally adjusted), as published by BLS, to determine the new Executive Order 14026 minimum wage rate. In calculating the annual percentage increase in the CPI-W, the Department must compare the CPI-W for the most recent year available with the CPI-W for the preceding year. The Department therefore compares the percentage

change in the CPI-W between the most recent year (*i.e.*, the most recent four quarters) and the prior year (*i.e.*, the four quarters preceding the most recent year). The Department then increases the current Executive Order minimum wage rate by the resulting annual percentage change and rounds to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.

To determine the Executive Order 14026 minimum wage rate beginning January 1, 2024, the Department therefore calculated the CPI-W for the most recent year by averaging the CPI-W for the four most recent quarters, which consist of the first two quarters of 2023 and the last two quarters of 2022 (*i.e.*, July 2022 through June 2023). This produced an average index level of 294.367.³ The Department then compared that data to the average CPI-W for the preceding year—277.278—which consists of the first two quarters of 2022 and the last two quarters of 2021 (*i.e.*, July 2021 through June 2022). Based on this methodology, the Department determined that the annual percentage increase in the CPI-W (United States city average, all items, not seasonally adjusted) was 6.163 percent $((294.367 \div 277.278) - 1)$. The Department then applied that annual percentage increase of 6.163 percent to the current Executive Order 14026 minimum wage (\$16.20 per hour), which resulted in an hourly wage rate of \$17.198 $((\$16.20 \times 0.06163) + \$16.20)$; however, pursuant to Executive Order 14026, the updated minimum wage rate must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.

Accordingly, effective January 1, 2024, the new minimum wage rate that must generally be paid to workers performing on or in connection with contracts covered by Executive Order 14026 will be \$17.20 per hour.

III. Phase-Out of the Minimum Cash Wage for Tipped Employees

As noted above, section 3 of Executive Order 14026 provides a methodology to determine the amount of the minimum hourly cash wage that must be paid to tipped employees performing on or in connection with covered contracts. In relevant part, section 3(a)(ii) of the Executive order specifies that, for calendar year 2024, the minimum hourly cash wage for tipped employees shall increase to 100 percent of the wage in effect under section 2 of the order. *See* 86 FR 22836; *see also* 29 CFR 23.280(a)(1)(iii). This means that, beginning on January 1, 2024, contractors may no longer credit employee tips toward the Executive Order 14026 minimum wage, and tipped employees covered by Executive Order 14026 will be entitled to a cash wage of at least \$17.20 per hour.

IV. Appendices

Appendix A to this notice provides a chart of the CPI-W data published by BLS that the Department used to calculate the new Executive Order 14026 minimum wage rate based on the methodology explained herein. A poster reflecting the new Executive Order 14026 minimum wage rate will be publicly available on the WHD website on January 1, 2024.

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Acting Secretary of Labor.

Appendix A: Data Used to Determine Executive Order 14026 Minimum Wage Rate Effective January 1, 2024

Data Source: Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) (United States city average, all items, not seasonally adjusted)

	Quarter 3			Quarter 4			Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Annual average
2021Q3 to 2022Q2	267.789	268.387	269.086	271.552	273.042	273.925	276.296	278.943	283.176	284.575	288.022	292.542	277.278
2022Q3 to 2023Q2	292.219	291.629	291.854	293.003	292.495	291.051	293.565	295.057	296.021	297.730	298.382	299.394	294.367
Annual Percentage Increase	6.163%

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY
Sunshine Act Meetings**

TIME AND DATE: The Members of the National Council on Disability (NCD) will hold a two-day in-person Council

meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) and Friday, November 17, 2023, 10 a.m.–1:15 p.m., EST.

PLACE: This meeting will take place at the Omni Hotel and Resort, One West

² Contracts of the same kind as are covered by Executive Order 14026 and that were entered into, renewed, or extended prior to January 30, 2022, are generally subject to Executive Order 13658 and its lower minimum wage requirements. The Executive

Order 13658 minimum wage and the cash wage required for tipped employees are currently \$12.15 and \$8.50 per hour, respectively. *See* 87 FR 59468.
³ In 1988, the reference base for the CPI-W was changed from 1967 = 100 to 1982–84 = 100. The

1982–84 period was chosen to coincide with the updated expenditure weights which were based on the Consumer Expenditure Surveys for the years 1982, 1983 and 1984.

Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903. The event will also be streamed live via Zoom videoconference for those not able to attend in person. Registration is not required. Details are available on NCD's event page at <https://ncd.gov/events/2023/upcoming-council-meeting>.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Day 1—Following welcome remarks and introductions, Chairman Gallegos will host a fireside chat discussion with former Chair Sandra Parrino; then a brief break; followed by a town hall public comment session about housing concerns and opportunities; followed by a housing concerns panel presentation and questions from the Council. Following a lunch break, a town hall public comment session about transportation concerns and opportunities is followed by a transportation concerns panel presentation and questions from the Council; followed by a briefing on NCD's upcoming progress report Toward Economic Security, before adjourning.

Day 2—Welcome remarks and introductions are followed by the Chairman's report; Executive Committee report, Executive Director's report; policy updates; Council member report outs; a break; annual ethics training; and any old or new business, before adjourning.

AGENDA: The times provided below are approximations for when each agenda item is anticipated to be discussed (all times Eastern Standard Time):

Thursday, November 16, 2023

9:00–9:15 a.m.—Welcome and Call to Order
 9:15–10:15 a.m.—Fireside Chat with Sandy Parrino
 10:15–10:30 a.m.—BREAK
 10:30–11:15 a.m.—Housing Concerns and Opportunities Town Hall
 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.—Housing Concerns and Opportunities Panel, Q&A
 12:15–1:30 p.m.—LUNCH BREAK
 1:30–2:15 p.m.—Transportation Concerns and Opportunities Town Hall
 2:15–3:15 p.m.—Transportation Concerns and Opportunities Panel, Q&A
 3:15–3:30 p.m.—BREAK
 3:30–4:30 p.m.—Toward Economic Security progress report briefing and respondent panel
 4:30 p.m.—Adjourn

Friday, November 17, 2023

10:00–10:05 a.m.—Welcome and Call to Order
 10:05–10:15 a.m.—Chairman's Report

10:15–10:30 a.m.—Executive Committee Report
 10:30–10:40 a.m.—Executive Director's Report
 10:40–11:15 a.m.—Policy Updates
 11:15–11:45 a.m.—Council Member report outs on community outreach/ input
 11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.—BREAK
 12:00–1:00 p.m.—Annual Ethics Training
 1:00–1:15 p.m.—Old Business/New Business
 1:15 p.m.—Adjourn

PUBLIC COMMENT: Your participation during NCD's public comment period provides an opportunity for us to hear from you—individuals, businesses, providers, educators, parents and advocates. Your comments are important in bringing to the Council's attention and issues and priorities of the disability community, and help inform open research projects the Council has underway as well as the potential for future ones.

For the November 16 Council meeting, NCD will have two town hall format public comment sessions focused on housing concerns and opportunities, and transportation concerns and opportunities for people with disabilities. Commenters will be limited to three minutes each to accommodate as many comments as possible. Additional information on specifics of the topic is available on NCD's public comment page at <https://ncd.gov/public-comment>.

The Council will prioritize in-person commenters, but as time permits, will also receive public comment by video or audio over Zoom, and always accepts advance public comments via email. Due to the hybrid nature of the event, in-person presentations will be given priority.

To provide public comment during an NCD Council Meeting in any form (in-person or by Zoom), NCD now requires advanced registration by sending an email to PublicComment@ncd.gov with the subject line "Public Comment" and your name, organization, state, and topic of comment included in the body of your email. Deadline for registration is November 14, 8:00 p.m. EST. Please indicate if you are providing the comment in-person, over Zoom, or only submitting via email. All individuals desiring to make public comment are strongly encouraged to read NCD's guidelines for public comment in advance of the meeting at: <https://ncd.gov/public-comment>.

While public comment can be submitted on any topic over email, comments during the meeting should be

specific to experiences with housing concerns and opportunities for people with disabilities.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Nicholas Sabula, Public Affairs Specialist, NCD, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004; 202–272–2004 (V), or nsabula@ncd.gov.

ACCOMMODATIONS: ASL Interpreters will be provided in-room and included during the live streamed meeting, and CART has been arranged for this meeting and will be embedded into the Zoom platform as well as available via streamtext link. The web link to access CART (in English) is: <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=NCD>.

If you require additional accommodations, please notify Stacey Brown by sending an email to sbrown@ncd.gov as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Due to last-minute confirmations or cancellations, NCD may substitute items without advance public notice.

Dated: September 25, 2023.

Anne C. Sommers McIntosh,
 Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Awardee Reporting Requirements for the Established Program To Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Research Infrastructure Improvement Programs

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by November 27, 2023 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite W18200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314;