



The White House Announces Minimum Wage Raise through Executive Order to \$10.10 for Federal Contract Workers Including Workers with Disabilities

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WASHINGTON, DC (February 12, 2014) – The US Business Leadership Network[®] (USBLN[®]) is pleased to share today's White House announcement that President Obama will sign an Executive Order to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 for federal contract workers including workers with disabilities, continuing to fulfill his promise to make 2014 a year of action.

The Executive Order the President will sign today will benefit hundreds of thousands of people working under contracts with the federal government who are making less than \$10.10 an hour. It will also improve the value that taxpayers are getting from the federal government's investment. Studies show that boosting low wages will reduce turnover and absenteeism, while also boosting morale and improving the incentives for workers, leading to higher productivity overall. These gains improve the quality and efficiency of services provided to the government.

In his State of the Union Address, President Obama pledged to both take executive action wherever he can and work with Congress to increase opportunity for all Americans. Consistent with that pledge, the President will continue to work with Congress to finish the job to raise the minimum wage for all Americans and pass the Harkin-Miller bill so that all workers can be paid at least a \$10.10 minimum wage.

For full details of the Executive Order and the President's plan to work with Congress, states and localities to help all workers, view the White House press release: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/02/12/fact-sheet-opportunity-all-rewarding-hard-work>.

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