



TOOL TALK

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From Rob's Roost

by: Rob Dumont,
Managing Director



It's Time To Decide!

The word is out; you have received the Special Edition of **Tool Talk** promised in our November offering of the newsletter and, by now, the mailing that includes the Notice of Special Meeting of Members together with the proposed amendments and explanations thereof, as well as the Directions for Proxy and the Proxy for your use if you can't attend the meeting.

Make no mistake; your Board has worked long and hard considering these changes. There have been additional Board meetings, lengthy discussions, active debate, thoughtful deliberations and all with the best interest of the member companies foremost throughout.

I must tell you that your Board is one of which you can be rightfully proud; they are dedicated, determined and decisive. These are difficult times for the industry, indeed for all manufacturers in the U.S. and times when leadership is mandatory. Your Board has risen to the challenge, has recognized that national associations have been at best passive in response to multiple forces negatively impacting your business, forces that can be counter-acted but haven't been addressed. They have created the mandate to move on the issues. All that remains is that the members of the Association give approval to the amendments so that the effort can build and create the numbers that can, and will, make a difference.

I would urge each member to carefully consider the materials sent to you, make your best efforts to attend the Special

Meeting of Members on December 21st at 10:30 a.m. here at the Association's offices and, if unable to attend, please send in your proxy.

Obviously, I would like to see you vote in favor of the proposed amendments but, truthfully, I believe it is far more important that you vote. Certainly vote as you will, but, please vote.

Should the changes proposed be approved by the membership, we will have a new web address: "thetmta.com". In considering a new domain name we determined there were other TMTA's in Tennessee and Texas and they had tmta.com and tmta.org so we decided that our association should be THE TMTA of all TMTA's and thus the domain name: "thetmta.com". Try it today and you will arrive at our current website. If the changes are authorized the site will, of course, change as well.

Thinking positively we have been very busy getting ready to roll out the new association identity and purpose. We are in the throes of creating and revamping brochures, letterhead, promotional materials and so on. It is not a small task but it is not daunting either and, the Association staff is totally involved and committed. Their creative juices are flowing and they are making meaningful contributions. I am very proud of each of them!

In summary then, your Board is being pro-active and has opted to become much more nimble in its ability to respond to a very quickly changing world. Your association intends to carry out the purposes set out in the proposed amendments fully and effectively. Your approval is required, we need your support! Please, carefully consider that which the Board believes is in the best interest of all the members and, above all, **VOTE**. Come to the meeting or send in your Proxy, we need to know how you see it.

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MTA Calendar of Events—December 2006

- 15 Ballots for Board of Directors due
- 20 MTA Board of Directors meet
- 21 MTA WCF Board of Trustees meet
- 21 Special Meeting of MTA Members
10:30 a.m. at MTA offices in Farmington Hills
- 25/26 MTA offices closed for Christmas
- 29 MTA offices closed for New Year's Eve
- Jan 1 MTA offices closed for New Year's Day



Mark's Remarks

by: Mark Tyler, General Manager
MTA Insurance Agency



Important Notice for All MTA Groups Who Participate in the Disability Program

W2 Preparation for MTA Groups

- Reliance Standard Life Insurance Issues W2's for LTD and STD policyholders.
- We provide the employers match and also issue the W2's on taxable business. RSL handles all tax filing responsibilities for the employer.
- W2's are mailed directly to the client. A copy is NOT sent to the employer.
- The December Monthly Case Summary Report (DICS) is the year-end statement. The monthly DICS reports are cumulative.
- These reports are mailed the second week in January and cannot be provided sooner due to year-end corporate cut off dates.



BCBSM Custom Formulary and Prior Authorization/Step Therapy Program Changes

As part of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's continuing effort to promote efficient and effective drug therapy to improve your health and help contain health care costs, they are making changes to the BCBSM Custom Formulary and Prior Authorization/Step Therapy program beginning January 1, 2007.

On January 1, 2007, the cholesterol lowering drug Lipitor® will change status from formulary brand (Tier 2) to nonformulary brand (Tier 3) and Crestor® will be added as a formulary brand medication on the Custom Formulary. The following chart provides the formulary listing of commonly prescribed cholesterol lowering drugs.

Formulary status	Copay	Commonly Prescribed Cholesterol Lowering Drugs
Tier 1 - Generic	Lowest	lovastatin (generic Mevacor®), pravastatin sodium (generic Pravachol® - except 80 mg) simvastatin (generic Zocor®)
Tier 2 – Formulary brand	Higher than generics	Crestor® Zetia®
Tier 3 – Non-formulary brand	Highest	Advicor® Altoprev® Lescol® Lescol®XL Lipitor® Pravachol® 80 mg Vytorin®

In addition to making these changes to the Custom Formulary, they are making a change to the BCBSM Prior Authorization/Step Therapy program beginning January 1, 2007. This change will affect anyone currently taking one of the following brand-name cholesterol lowering medications under the Custom Formulary:

- Crestor®
- Advicor®
- Altoprev®
- Lescol®
- Lescol XL®
- Lipitor®
- Pravachol 80mg®
- Vytorin®
- Zetia®

Starting January 1, 2007, you or any members on your coverage using a brand-name cholesterol lowering drug will be required to use one of the following generic products before BCBSM will cover the brand-name products: lovastatin (generic Mevacor®), pravastatin sodium (generic Pravachol®) (except 80 mg), and simvastatin (generic Zocor®). Contact your physician to discuss generic alternatives.

This change affects new and existing (refill) prescriptions for brand-name cholesterol lowering drugs.

BCBSM is committed to working with your doctor to provide high-quality drug therapy. If you have questions about how this change affects you, please call the Customer Service number on the back of your ID card.

Legislative Update

by: *Judy Augenstein*

Legislative Consultant, Lansing



The 2008 Legislature will be led by Democrats in the House of Representatives (58-52), Republicans have maintained the majority in the Senate (21-17) and Governor Jennifer Granholm (D) has retained her post.

House Democrats have elected Rep. Andy Dillion (D-Redford Twp.) as the 2008 Speaker of the House. He is a conservative Democratic leader who brings with him a business background in private equities and has a legislative history of taking a bipartisan approach to issues. Rep. Steve Tobocman (D-Detroit) was elected incoming House Majority Floor Leader. Democrats elected conservative Rep. Michael Sak (D-Grand Rapids) as Speaker Pro Tem.

Senator Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), the son of a former senator and attorney by trade, was elected to be the Senate Majority Leader for 2007-2010. Senator Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) will serve as Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt) will be the Senate Majority Floor Leader and President Pro Tempore will be Senator-elect Randy Richardville (R-Monroe).

House Republicans voted to retain Rep. Craig DeRoche (R- Novi) as their leader. Rep. Chris Ward (R-Brighton) will serve as Republican Floor Leader. Senate Democrats have elected Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) as their leader. Sen. Buzz Thomas (D-Detroit) was selected as Minority Floor Leader.

2008 House and Senate committee assignments could be determined during the "lame duck" session which is now in progress. Anything and everything can happen during the "lame duck" session. Issues that have sat on the back burner for months all of a sudden get addressed and issues once expected to be addressed lose momentum. "Lame duck" session always proves to be entertaining and often productive.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has released a study that indicates the Tool and Die Recovery Zone program is working. To qualify for Recovery Zone designation, a business must enter into a qualified collaborative agreement with other tool and die businesses. The first Recovery Zone designations comprising a total of 33 companies went into effect on January 1, 2005. A recent MEDC survey indicates that 20 companies reported an increase in hiring for a total of 123 new jobs, 24 companies reported investments totaling \$6.6 million in new equipment and 30 companies reported an overall increase in new business. The MEDC has

designated 17 Tool and Die Recovery Zones benefiting 131 companies.

MTA was successful this legislative session with our effort to increase the Tool and Die Recovery Zone Act employee cap from 50 to 75 and we continue to work to "tinker" with the Tool and Die Recovery Zone Act in an effort to make it more useful to the industry.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness and regret that we note the passing of Hillery G. Knecht, owner and CEO of **Uni-Bond Brake, Inc.** on November 9, 2006 at the age of 86.

Hillery's love of life and his generosity to his family, friends, and acquaintances made him a one of a kind. He was an outstanding fisherman, a world traveler, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a golfer. He had a great appreciation for the ponies, a good gin game, the roulette table, a big cigar and a good story.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Kathleen; his children, Thomas, Colleen, Connie, and Timothy; and four grandchildren.

Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Lost-Days Injuries Rate Declined in 2005

According to a new report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the rate of workplace injuries and illnesses that required time away from work in 2005 declined by 4%. Although the number of lost-days injuries and illnesses in 2005 (1.2 million) remained relatively the same from 2004, a 2% increase in the number of hours worked in 2005 contributed to the decline in the rate.

As in previous years, more than 4 out of 10 injuries and illnesses were sprains or strains, most involving overexertion or falls on the same level. The incidence rate for carpal tunnel syndrome decreased by nearly 14%. Floors, walkways and ground surfaces accounted for 19% of all sources of injury or illnesses. Worker motion or position accounted for 15%. Repetitive motion injuries decreased by 10% and falls from a ladder increased by almost 10%.

From the Desk of Gary Wood

MTA WCF Administrator



Welcome to the Official Start of the Holiday Season 2006

Aside from the holidays, this is the busiest time of the year for several of us here at the MTA WCF. There are 450 members that have workers' compensation renewals on one day—January 1, 2007 and that is a big task when a lot of members have questions on why they are being billed a certain way. We try to make ourselves available as much as possible, but there is sometimes a long list of people to call.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

Those of you that read the letter attached to your renewal notice might have picked up on the idea that we do not yet have the final approval from the State of Michigan to begin 2007 as a mutual insurance company. That is correct, at this writing the office of Financial and Insurance Services has not yet provided our certificate of authority to operate on January 1, 2007. While this is disconcerting so late in the year, it is not a dead end for the program.

The current excess carrier of the Fund has agreed to continue their current policy for three more months so that we will be able to continue to function if the anticipated approval does not appear before the end of the December. If we do get the certificate of approval, we just "turn the page" and we are providing coverage to the members as the Manufacturing Technology Mutual Insurance Company (MTMIC).

Thank you for your continued participation in the Fund while we sort out the seemingly endless details of the conversion. Just to complicate things further, the state regulator that controls group funds (and tells us what we can and cannot do) has been hospitalized for a bit of year-end surgery! The wheels will keep rolling.

ANNUAL MEETING

About 420 of you missed the last annual meeting of the MTA WCF. That right folks, it has been 31 years but it will be over soon. The MTMIC will of course have an annual meeting as time progresses but, the 31st Annual Meeting of the MTAWCF (which was held on November 16, 2006) was the last of its kind.

Election of Trustees

At the meeting, the Administrator announced the results of the Trustee election concluded on November 10, 2006.

Those elected to new three-year terms included: Robert Easterbrook (term exp. 09) of **East Lind Heat-Treat**; Bradley Lawton (term exp. 09) of **Star Cutter**; and Doug Mack (term exp. 09) of **Grosse Tool & Machine**. Jerry O'Morrow, Jr. of **Sanilac Steel, Inc.** in Marlette was elected to complete the term of retiring Trustee, Tim Zink (term exp. 07).

These Trustees will become the initial board of directors for the Manufacturing Technology Mutual Insurance Company.

Financial Report

It was reported at the Annual Meeting that the Fund remains in excellent financial condition. The Trustees had authorized the sale of the outstanding liabilities of the Fund for all years prior to January 1, 2006 and that transaction was completed on October 1, 2006. The result of the sale of the liability was a decrease in the overall assets and a similar decrease in the liabilities of the Fund for prior year known and incurred but not reported claims.

The overall trend of the group during the last year has been for decreased claims activity and payouts.

Reinsurance

The Mutual Insurance Company has made arrangements to protect the assets of the fund by purchasing reinsurance through a group of carriers. This type of transaction, while common for insurance companies, is a different activity from the programs available to the Fund.

Safety

The Loss Control Department is managed by Bill Hoke with Loss Control Consultants Chris Demeter and Ruth Kiefer providing state-wide consultative services. Every member has received loss control visits and written reports including suggestions for improvement and notification of imminent dangers and hazards.

The new MIOSHA Education and Training CD has been distributed in concert with MIOSHA and a "Safety Alliance" has been promoted by the Fund with over 50 members signing up for the service. These aids are provided to assist you with developing a conspicuous and effective safety training program.

Claims

The Fund has five staff members reviewing over 1,800 claims on a yearly basis and servicing 450 members. With nearly 270 active indemnity claims and over 700 open medical claims at any given time, the efficient processing of claims is a process which requires cooperation from the members.

During 2006 there were two independent claim audits conducted at the Fund; both of which resulted in extremely posi-

tive results and we received one of the best compliments I have heard (from another insurance company) “You don’t see this level of claims handling in other groups we have audited.”

The medical bill review process through the fee scheduling, utilization review and PPO has provided average savings of over 50% of billed medical expense (if you pay these yourself you pay the full price). The cost of medical still continues to be the majority of the costs associated with the coverage.

Premium Calculation

I cringe every time I write this because people do not differentiate between rates and premiums. There is not going to be a rate increase for 2007. The individual policyholder premium may go up or down based on variances in payroll and losses but the rates are the same.

HOLIDAY NOTES

The Fund offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2006. The office will be staffed on December 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2006. The Fund Offices will again be closed on Monday, January 1, 2007 and will resume normal operations on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

My special thanks and acknowledgment of the Trustees efforts over the year and the dedication of the Fund staff to a successful operation. Thank you all:

Glenda Moyle	Accounting
Donna Motley	Claim Manager
Kimberly Davis	Medical Claim Adjuster
Cynthia Jackson	Indemnity Claim Adjuster
Marci Merath	Technical Assistant
Linda Murphy	Indemnity Claim Adjuster
Bill Hoke	Loss Control Manager
Chris Demeter	Loss Control Consultant
Ruth Kiefer	Loss Control Consultant

Happy Holidays!



Notice of Special Meeting of MTA Members

Date: Thursday, December 21, 2006
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Michigan Tooling Association
28237 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

You may find a copy of the full notice sent to all MTA members on November 28, 2006 on our website at www.mtaonline.com.

If you have misplaced your proxy, please contact MTA for a new copy at (248) 488-0300.

IRS Makes Telephone Tax Refund Easier for Businesses

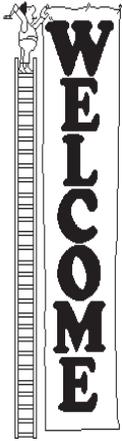
The IRS announced a formula that will allow businesses to estimate their federal telephone excise tax refunds. Businesses who paid long-distance telephone excises taxes for the 41 month period from March 2003 through July 2006 can request the refund by completing IRS Form 8913 and attaching it to their regular 2006 income tax return. The formula provides a less burdensome option than gathering up to 41 months of old phone records.

The formula involves comparing two phone bills from 2006—specifically bills with statement dates in April and September. First figure the telephone tax as a percentage of each bill separately; then apply the difference between the two percentages to the quarterly or annual telephone expenses to determine the amount of refund. The refund is capped at 2% of the total telephone expenses for businesses with 250 or less employees and 1% for businesses with over 250 employees.

Example: If a business has an April bill of \$1,000 that includes a Federal telephone excises tax of \$28, the tax percentage is 2.8%. If their September bill is \$1,100 including a Federal telephone excise tax of \$16.50, the tax percentage is 1.5%. The difference of 1.3% (April minus September) is multiplied by the business’s total phone expenses over the 41 month period to arrive at the amount of tax refund. If the business employs less than 250 employees they can claim the full refund (2% cap). If the business employs more than 250 employees, their refund would be adjusted down to meet the 1% cap limit.

Welcome New Members!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members to the Michigan Tooling Association:



- ❖ **Jorgensen Steel Machining & Fabrication, Inc.** of Tekonsha, MI, specializing in machine building, jigs & fixtures, machine and fabricated components;
- ❖ **Crane Technologies Group Inc.** of Rochester Hills, MI, specializing in overhead cranes; and
- ❖ **Diamond Automation Ltd.** of Dimondale, MI, specializing in robot cell integration, material handling automation, fixtures, jigs, and specialty machines.

Forklift Safety

MIOSHA News sent out a special edition focusing on preventing injuries and deaths among workers who operate or work around powered industrial trucks (PIT). This year in Michigan, five workers have died from PIT-related accidents and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) estimates that nearly 100 workers are killed in PIT-related accidents in the U.S. each year.

NIOSH investigations indicate that some workers and employers may not be aware of the risks of operating or working near power industrial trucks. The three most common PIT-related fatalities involve: forklift overturns, workers on foot struck by forklifts, and workers falling off forklifts. Contributing factors to fatal injuries include the factory environment, the PIT, and operator actions. Also, many workers assigned to drive forklifts are not aware of the safety procedures necessary to reduce the risk of injury or death.

Happy Holidays!



Our Best Wishes for a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season to Each of You and Your Families From Your Staff at MTA.

The Marketplace

Personnel Available:

Controller seeks position as same. Has a masters in business administration and senior accounting experience. Skills include: financial statement preparation and analysis, management of general accounting, vendor and pricing negotiation, cash management and supervision. Ask for Resume **06-11**.

Single Business Tax Year End Planning

Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a new refundable credit against the Michigan single business tax (SBT) is available equal to 15% of Michigan property taxes paid on industrial personal property. Companies not required to file an SBT return may elect to file a return to claim the credit.

The credit is available only for personal property taxes (PPT) levied after December 31, 2005. The levy dates are July 1 (summer tax) and December 1 (winter/annual tax). Please note: personal property taxes levied and billed in December 2005 that were paid in 2006 are not eligible for the credit.

The credit is computed on personal property taxes paid in the tax year. For calendar year taxpayers, this is the amount paid by December 31. For fiscal year taxpayers, it is the amount paid in the fiscal year. For example, a calendar year taxpayer that pays its December 2006 tax bill on or before December 31, 2006 may claim the PPT credit on its 2006 SBT return. If the payment of the December 2006 tax bill is deferred until 2007, the taxpayer may claim the PPT credit on its 2007 SBT return. Calendar year taxpayers should review whether the PPT credit will eliminate or reduce the fourth quarter SBT estimated tax payment that is due January 31, 2007.

Also eligible for the credit are payments made to the Michigan Strategic Fund that are used to reimburse local taxing units for forgone general property taxes due to the creation of a renaissance zone, and payments made under contract with local assessing districts that contain a distressed area for the purpose of reimbursing taxing units for forgone general property taxes.

If you need more information or have any questions on how the SBT credit for industrial personal property tax paid may apply to your business, you may contact Plante & Moran, PLLC at (248) 375-7343.

Information provided by Plante & Moran, PLLC—Tax Alert.

2007 First/Second Quarter Business Trends Outlook Survey Results

Many thanks to the 142 member companies that took the time to respond to the latest Business Trends Outlook Survey that was sent with last month's issue of Tool Talk. The figures in the brackets are the responses from the survey completed six months ago.

1. Describe your company's operation:

Tools & Dies	11%	(16%)
Special Machinery	10%	(9%)
Precision Machining	27%	(30%)
Molds/Die Cast Dies	4%	(2%)
Metal Stamping/Fabrications	10%	(8%)
Prototypes	4%	(5%)
Cutting Tools	11%	(12%)
Others	23%	(18%)

2. How is your business now?

Excellent	4%	(4%)
Very good	15%	(24%)
Good	37%	(30%)
Fair	28%	(33%)
Bad	13%	(8%)
Very bad	4%	(1%)

3. Over the next six months, your company's business will:

Increase substantially	5%	(6%)
Increase moderately	41%	(42%)
Remain the same	44%	(46%)
Decrease moderately	9%	(6%)
Decrease substantially	2%	(0%)

4. Current average workweek:

Hours per week	43.8	(44.7)
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5. Current employment:

Hourly:	34.6	(35.5)
Salaried:	7.4	(8.2)

6. Compare to one year ago your current level of business:

	<u>Up</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Down</u>
Quoting activity	34% (35%)	41% (39%)	25% (26%)
Shipments	32% (36%)	33% (34%)	35% (30%)
Order backlog	22% (26%)	33% (36%)	44% (38%)
Profits	24% (30%)	31% (35%)	44% (35%)
Employment	23% (23%)	46% (49%)	31% (28%)

Comments from our Members

"When can I retire?!"

Michigan is not competitive with our neighboring states— or anyone else. (precision machining)

Unbelievable how the first 6 mos. went great, then the second 6 mos. everything just comes to a standstill. (plastics)

When can I retire?! (special machinery)

Must be very lean to show profit. (metal stamping/fabrication)

Worst since 2001. (precision machining)

Looking for better days ahead. Very unsettled conditions. Lack of work, profit, & money. (steel plate fab)

Current business is good, hopefully downturn will not return! Or at least not so hard. (precision machining)

Record 1st half. A little more spotty since. Hoping optimistic forecasts for 2007 come true. (high speed steel service center)

Help! (tools & dies)

Very slow. (cutting tools)

I hope the current level of business continues. (special machinery)

Can't believe this governor that has done nothing for our state was re-elected. We are in deep TROUBLE. (precision machining)

Work load has been very inconsistent. The future is looking bleak. We need single business and personal property tax relief NOW! We also need legislation to become a right to work state. If we don't start changing... (metal stamping/fabrication)

Business is great!!! (tools & dies)

Life support! (spline gauges & master gears)

Higher sales in the near future with low margins. We will be opening a location in Mexico next year. A requirement to stay in the stamping business L/T. (metal stamping/fabrication)

Can't wait for 2006 to end! (precision machining)

Margins are slim, we have to do twice as much just to break even. (precision machining)

2005 & 2006 have been good years, can only hope it continues. (special machinery)



Christmas/New Year Holiday Survey Results

Our sincere thanks to the 152 companies that responded to the holiday survey. The average number of paid days off is 3.4.

		Open	½ Open ½ Closed	Closed Paid	Closed Unpaid
12/22	Fri	76.5%	15.4%	4.7%	3.3%
12/23	Sat	9.1%	0.7%	1.4%	88.8%
12/24	Sun	0.7%	0.7%	13.8%	84.8%
12/25	Mon	0.0%	0.7%	97.4%	2.0%
12/26	Tues	40.7%	0.0%	49.0%	10.3%
12/27	Wed	71.3%	0.0%	13.3%	15.4%
12/28	Thurs	71.1%	0.0%	12.7%	16.2%
12/29	Fri	60.0%	3.4%	22.8%	13.8%
12/30	Sat	10.6%	0.7%	1.4%	87.2%
12/31	Sun	0.7%	0.0%	11.2%	88.1%
1/1	Mon	1.3%	0.7%	92.6%	5.4%
1/2	Tues	86.9%	0.0%	11.7%	1.5%



MTA List of Endorsed Service Providers

- ❖ **Reliance Standard/Ameritas** (life/dental insurance)
MTA contacts: Mark Tyler 248-489-8505
Stella Krupansky 248-488-0300 ext. 1310
- ❖ **Blue Cross Blue Shield/BCN** (health insurance)
MTA contacts: Mark Tyler 248-489-8505
Elaine Burger-Laskosky 248-488-0300 ext. 1309
- ❖ **Federated Ins.** (property & casualty insurance)
Provider contact: Joseph Busby 800-428-4143
- ❖ **Freedom One Financial Group** (401(k) programs)
Provider contact: Lesley Goodwin 248-620-8100
- ❖ **John M. Packer & Associates** (unemployment)
Provider contact: Nathan Wiest 800-482-2971
- ❖ **Custom Telecom** (phone/communications)
Provider contact: Kathy Schaumburger 866-332-1200

MTA receives a benefit from its Endorsed Providers when you, as a member, patronize them. This is one way we are able to maintain the level of dues.

Inflation Talk

CPI-W Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Month	82-84	1967	57-59
Oct 2006	197.0	586.7	682.5*
Sept	198.4	591.0	687.3*
August	199.6	594.6	691.5*
July	199.2	593.2	690.1*
June	198.6	591.7	688.0*
May	198.2	590.5	686.8*
April	197.2	587.3	683.1*
March	195.3	581.8	676.6*

CPI-U All Urban Consumers

Month	82-84	1967	57-59
Oct 2006	201.8	604.6	703.0*
Sept	202.9	607.9	706.9*
August	203.9	610.9	710.3*
July	203.5	609.6	709.0*
June	202.9	607.8	706.9*
May	202.5	606.5	705.5*
April	201.5	603.5	702.0*
March	199.8	598.6	696.1*

Note: October 2006 CPI-W represents a 0.9% increase from one year ago; CPI-U a 1.3% increase.

* Base Year 1957-59 is no longer released. BLS has issued the following conversion factors from the 82-84 year:

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