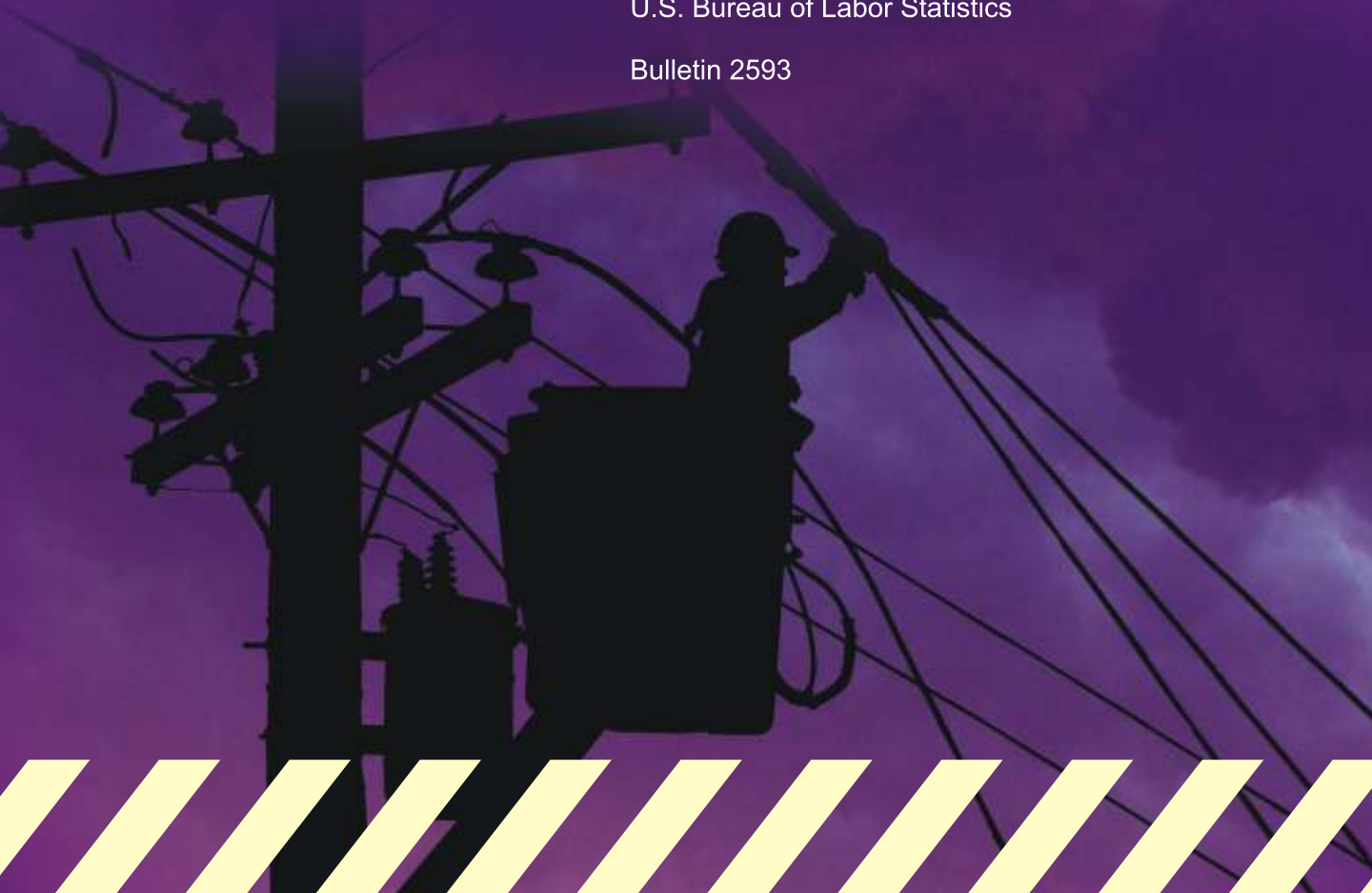




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preface

The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), administered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in conjunction with the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and New York City, compiles detailed information on all work-related fatal injuries occurring in the United States. In an effort to compile counts that are as complete as possible, the fatality census uses diverse sources to identify, verify, and profile fatal work injuries. Source documents such as death certificates, news accounts, workers' compensation reports, and Federal and State agency administrative records are cross-referenced to gather key information about each workplace fatality.

The annual CFOI report provides detailed tabulations of data from the fatality census, as well as analytical articles on various topics related to fatal workplace injuries. The report has two sections. The first section contains charts and text highlighting fatality data from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, including charts derived from four analytical articles that use CFOI data. The second section, which is on compact disc, presents detailed data tables and appendices that describe the scope, methodology, and outputs of the program, along with the full text of the four analytical articles.

In addition, a second compact disc contains the Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Profiles System, which allows the user to search for data from the 2005 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries and Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.



User-created tables and supplemental tables can be accessed on the Internet at www.bls.gov/iif. The online version of the Profiles System can be accessed at <http://data.bls.gov/GQT/servlet/InitialPage>.

Additional data are available on request from BLS:

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