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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance 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 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. 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. Currently, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the collection of the Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report (VETS-100).

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section on or before February 25, 1997.

The Department of labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- * 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; and
- * 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 technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Jeffrey C. Crandall, Director of Planning, Office of the

Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-1313, Washington D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-9110; fax: (202) 219-4773.

Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-1316, Washington, D.C. 20210 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob M. Wilson, Chief, Division of Enforcement, at the address immediately above, (202) 219-9110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Veterans' Employment and Training Service is required by 38 USC 4212(d) to collect information from Federal contractors and subcontractors on the number of Vietnam era veterans and the number of special disabled veterans in their workforce, as well as the number of new hires during the reporting period who are Vietnam era or special disabled veterans. Pursuant to this statute, employers with Federal contracts or subcontracts of \$10,000 or more must file VETS-100 reports annually. The VETS-100 data collection program has existed since 1987. Regulations to implement the statute were published on March 4, 1987. The VETS-100 data are used by the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) to monitor compliance with the statute. The information is also shared with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, and other Federal procurement officials.

II. Current Actions

Through this information collection request, the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) seeks to reinstate the collection of the Employer Identification Number (EIN). The implementing regulation for the VETS-100 data collection program instructed respondents to provide the EIN number with other company identifiers. Practice over the years has led to the use of an identification number which is unique to this data collection. Currently, employers are assigned a specific identification number for purposes of this report only. The system in place is

incompatible with other data base information pertaining to Federal contractors maintained by other Federal agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the General Services Administration (GSA).

Also, at its inception, the VETS-100 form was modeled after the EEO-1 form and the reports were completed on the same time cycle.

Federal contractors and subcontractors with fifty or more employees and contracts or subcontracts of \$50,000 or more are required to submit the EEO-1 form. The threshold for the VETS-100 submission is \$10,000 or more regardless of employment levels. Thus almost all larger contractors are currently filling out both forms but for a different time period and submission date. This request, if approved, will change the VETS-100 file date to September 30 of each current year to commence in 1998. Currently the date for filing the VETS-100 is March 31. The EEOC form currently collects the Employer Identification number and the Dun & Bradstreet number from Federal contractor respondents. The inclusion of these numbers on the VETS-100 form would be consistent with existing practice for the EEO-1 report collection. The Dun and Bradstreet number is a standard business identifier used in the Federal Procurement Database system, maintained by GSA as well as in common procurement practice. VETS proposal would facilitate the sharing of information through use of common identifier(s).

With the proposed changes, information derived from the VETS-100 collection process would be more useful to veteran staff in local employment service offices who call upon Federal contractors for purposes of job development for veterans.

The proposed cycle change and use of common identifiers should not place an undue burden on Federal contractors who already provide the EIN and Dun & Bradstreet number to EEOC on the EEO-1 form. Reporting on the same cycle will further facilitate completing the reports, as the same pay period may be used for each. The EEO-1 and the VETS-100 each stand on their own, but common identifiers will enable efficient information sharing to occur.

Type of Review: Revision/Extension.

Agency: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Title: Federal Contractor Veterans Employment Report (VETS-100).

OMB Number: 1293-0005.

Agency Number: 1291.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit/not-for-profit institutions who have Federal contracts of at least \$10,000.

Total Respondents: 190,000.

Frequency: Annually.

Total Responses: 291,000.

Average Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 145,500.

Total Burden Cost: \$727,500.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Jeffrey C. Crandall,

Director of Planning.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting: Meeting of the Board of Directors Operations and Regulations Committee

TIME AND DATE: The Operations and Regulations Committee of the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors will meet on January 5, 1997. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until the committee concludes its agenda.

LOCATION: Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street, NE., 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of December 13-14, 1996.
3. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1612, the Corporation's interim regulation restricting lobbying and certain other activities by grantees.
4. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1620, the Corporation's interim regulation on priorities in the allocation of resources.
5. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1626, the Corporation's interim regulation restricting legal assistance to aliens.
6. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1627, the Corporation's interim regulation on subgrants and dues.

7. Consider and act on draft revisions to Part 1636, the Corporation's interim regulation on disclosure of plaintiff identity and statement of facts.

8. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1637, the Corporation's interim regulation on representation of prisoners.

9. Consider and act on draft revisions 45 C.F.R. Part 1638, the Corporation's interim regulation on solicitation of clients.

10. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1639, the Corporation's interim regulation on welfare reform.

11. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1640, the Corporation's interim regulation on the application of Federal law on waste, fraud and abuse to LSC funds.

12. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1642, the Corporation's interim regulation on attorneys' fees.

13. Consider and act on proposed revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1609, the Corporation's regulation on fee-generating cases.

14. Consider and act on other business.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Victor M. Fortuno, General Counsel, (202) 336-8810.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Barbara Asante at (202) 336-8892.

Dated: December 24, 1996.

Victor M. Fortuno,

General Counsel.

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Sunshine Act Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting of the Corporation's Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation will meet on January 6, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until conclusion of the Board's agenda.

LOCATION: Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street NE., 11th Floor Board Room, Washington, DC.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open, except that a portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to hold an executive session. At the executive session, the Board will consider and act on proposed policies and procedures for annual performance reviews of the Corporation's President and Inspector General. In addition, the Corporation's General Counsel will report to the Board on litigation to which the Corporation is or may become a party, and the Board may act on the matters reported. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the

Sunshine Act [5 USC § 552b(c)(2) & (10)] and the corresponding regulation of the Legal Services Corporation [45 C.F.R. § 1622.5(a) & (h)]. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be posted for public inspection at Corporation headquarters, 750 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002, in its 11th floor reception area, and will also be available upon request.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of Sept. 30, 1996, open session.
3. Approval of minutes of Sept. 30, 1996, executive session.
4. Approval of minutes of Nov. 30, 1996, teleconference.
5. Chairman's and Members' Reports.
6. Election of officers of the Board.
7. President's Report.
8. Inspector General's Report, including a report on the OIG technology project.
9. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Finance Committee.
10. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Operations and Regulations Committee:
 - a. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1612, the Corporation's interim regulation restricting lobbying and certain other activities by grantees.
 - b. Consider and act on draft revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1620, the Corporation's interim regulation on priorities in the allocation of resources.
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 - k. Consider and act on proposed revisions to 45 C.F.R. Part 1609, the Corporation's regulation on fee-generating cases.
 11. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Provision Committee.
 12. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Presidential Search Committee.
 13. Consider and act on proposed policies and procedures for annual performance