

Administration (ETA), United States Employment Services (USES) has taken the first step to establish performance measures for the public labor exchange programs and labor exchange function for the Workforce Development and One-Stop Career Center service delivery systems.

The United States Employment Service (USES) worked cooperatively with States and other stakeholders to develop program specific performance measures. Performance measures were proposed and comments from stakeholders were requested in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 32564-32578).

The proposed measures are a starting point for development of comprehensive measures for the labor exchange function of the emerging Workforce Development system. It is the Department's intent to use the comments received to develop

performance measures for implementation on July 1, 2000.

The effort to finalize the performance measures, to identify the data elements needed to produce the performance measures and to define specific changes to the ETA reporting requirements will take several months to accomplish the transition to a new reporting system. States will also need time to make the necessary procedural, reporting, and computer software changes that will be necessary. This may be complicated by State efforts to respond to necessary computer program changes for Year 2000 compliance.

In consideration of these issues, the Department is requesting an extension of the Employment Service Program Reporting System without changes from the current end date of August 31, 1999 to a new end date of June 30, 2000.

This is a request for OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) to extend collection of the Employment Service Program Reporting System data previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0240 and the data reporting for the ETA 9002 A, B, C, including the data reporting for the VETS 200 A and B, VETS 300, the manager's report on services to veterans and recordkeeping.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Employment Service Program Reporting System.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0240.

*Total Respondents:* 54 States and territories.

*Estimated Burden Hours:* 7213.

| Reports         | Respondents | Frequency       | Total responses | Average time per response (hours) | Burden (hours) |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| USES Rpt .....  | 54          | Quarterly ..... | 216             | 2.75                              | 594            |
| VETS Rpt .....  | 54          | Quarterly ..... | 216             | .25                               | 54             |
| USES Rec. ....  | 54          | Quarterly ..... | 216             | 12.00                             | 648            |
| VETS 200A ..... | 54          | Quarterly ..... | 216             | .85                               | 184            |
| VETS 200B ..... | 54          | Quarterly ..... | 216             | .85                               | 184            |
| VETS 300 .....  | 54          | Quarterly ..... | 216             | 1.00                              | 216            |
| Mgt. Rpt .....  | 1600        | Quarterly ..... | 6400            | .83                               | 5333           |
| Totals .....    |             |                 | 7534            |                                   | 7213           |

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* 0.

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: July 16, 1998.

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*Director, United States Employment Service,  
U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-98-31]

#### Electrical Standards for Construction; Information Collection Requirements

**ACTION:** Notice; Opportunity for public comment.

**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 (PRA-95) (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 impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirements contained in the Electrical Standards for Construction (29 CFR part 1926, Subpart K). The Agency is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-98-31, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be

transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-8061. A copy of the referenced information collection request is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Theda Kenney at (202) 219-8061, extension 100, or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, extension 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on the Electrical Standards for Construction (29 CFR part 1926, Subpart K), contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov> and click on "Regulations and Compliance."

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes the promulgation of such health and safety standards as are necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment. The statute specifically authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents.

The written description of the Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program (AEGP) required by § 1926.404(b)(1)(iii) allows employers, employees, and OSHA compliance officers to determine how the requirements of the standard are being met, including the method of recording tests. For example, the employer's written program might specify the use of yellow tape to color code every tool and cord set. By referring to the written program, OSHA compliance officers and other persons can easily determine if the employer is complying with the program.

The posting of warning signs enables employees to avoid accidental contact of electrical equipment used on construction sites. Contact with unguarded live electrical parts, especially at high voltage, can be hazardous to employees.

The tagging of controls, equipment and circuits is intended to prevent the inadvertent reactivation of the controls, equipment and circuits while they are being serviced.

##### **II. Current Actions**

This notice requests public comment on OSHA's burden hour estimates prior to OSHA seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Electrical Standards for Construction (29 CFR part 1926, Subpart K).

*Type of Review:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Agency:* U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Electrical Standards for Construction (29 CFR part 1926, Subpart K).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0130.

*Agency Number:* Docket Number ICR-98-31.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 278,500.

*Frequency:* Initially, On Occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from .02 to .17 hour.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 53,001.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of July 1998.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

##### **Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration**

[Application No. D-10349, et al.]

##### **Proposed Exemptions; Harris Trust & Savings Bank**

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Exemptions.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

##### **Written Comments and Hearing Requests**

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or request for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Attention: Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5507, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

##### **Notice to Interested Persons**

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, these notices of