

will occur at the Arlington, Georgia production facility when it closes in February, 1998. The workers are engaged in employment related to the production of children's undergarments.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Varon, Incorporated adversely affected by increased imports of children's undergarments.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-33,532 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Varon, Incorporation, Division of Biscayne Apparel, Incorporated, d/b/a/ Amy Industries, Incorporated, Colquitt, Georgia (TA-W-33,532) and Arlington, Georgia (TA-W-33,532A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 20, 1996 through July 23, 1999 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of January, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of collection of information for the National Job Corps Study.

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before April 7, 1998.

The Department of Labor 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.

ADDRESSES: Daniel Ryan, Office of Policy and Research, Employment and Training Administration, Room N-5637, 200 Constitution Ave., NW,

Washington, DC 20210, telephone 202-219-5782, extension 147 (this is not a toll-free number). Internet address: ETA.ED.RyanD@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Job Corps study is estimating the effects of their Job Corps experience on participants' postprogram employment, earnings, and related outcomes. It is also comparing the benefits and costs of the program. ETA is sponsoring the study in fulfillment of its responsibility to provide Congress and the public with information on the effectiveness of ETA's programs.

II. Current Actions

ETA requests that previously granted OMB clearance to collect data in support of the study be extended beyond the current expiration date of the clearance. The extension is necessary to complete collection of data through follow-up interviews conducted at 30 months after sample intake, which will be used to assess interim program impacts, and interviews conducted at 48 months after sample intake, which will be used to assess longer term effects of participating in Job Corps.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Evaluation of the Impacts of the Job Corps on Participants' Postprogram Labor Market and Related Behavior—Follow-up Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 1205-0360.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: National Job Corps study follow-up questionnaire.

Total Respondents: 13,491.

Frequency: Two times (during period of extension, total of 4 times).

Total Responses: 35,596.

Average Time per Response: 40 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

Interview	Adminis- trations	Hours per response	Burden
12-Month Follow-up	*13,491	*.53	*7,150
30-Month Follow-up	11,979	.75	8,984
48-Month Follow-up	10,486	.75	7,865
Total	35,956	.67	23,999

*Actual.

Total Burden Cost: The total estimate cost of the study is \$17,906,705. The cost of conducting baseline, 12-month, 30-month and 48-month interviews is \$11,383,574.

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.

Gerard F. Fiala,

Administrator, Office of Policy and Research.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-02068]

Aquarius Furniture Manufacturing, El Paso, Texas; Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment assistance, hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), and in accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2273), an investigation was initiated on December 11, 1997 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Aquarius Furniture Manufacturing, El Paso, Texas.

In a letter dated January 15, 1998, the petitioner requested that the petition for NAFTA-TAA be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of January 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-002047]

Bazflex USA, Gainesville, TX; Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub.L. 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment

assistance, hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), and in accordance with section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2273), an investigation was initiated on December 2, 1997 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Bazflex USA, Gainesville, Texas.

This case is being terminated because the petitioner is not a representative of the company or of the workers. The NAFTA Implementation Act requires that a petition be filed by a group of three or more workers their union, a community base organization or other duly authorized representative. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th Day of January 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration/Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing from the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits

determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, which is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and