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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Pauline Perrow (202-219-5096 ext. 165) or by E-Mail to Perrow-Pauline@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202-395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

Title: Certification of Funeral Expenses.

OMB Number: 1215-0027 (Revision).
Frequency: On-occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 195.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: LS-265 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 49.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$70.00.

Description: This form is used to request basic information relative to the amount of funeral expenses incurred. The information is submitted to OWCP district offices that have responsibility for monitoring and processing death cases. The information is usually incorporated into a compensation order at the time death benefits are ordered paid in a case.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

Title: Worker Information—Terms and Conditions of Employment.

OMB Number: 1215-0187 (Extension).

Frequency: On-occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals and households, business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 160,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 32 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 85,333.

Total Annualized Capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual (operating/maintaining): \$24,000.

Description: Form WH-516 is an optional form which a farm labor contractor, agricultural employer or agricultural association can use to disclose in writing the terms and conditions of employment to migrant and seasonal agricultural workers. Although use of the form is optional, disclosure of the terms and conditions of employment is required by MSPA.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

Title: Housing Occupancy Certificate-Migrant and Seasonable Agricultural Worker Protection Act.

OMB Number: 1215-0158 (Revision).

Frequency: On-occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals and households; business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 4.

Total Annualized Capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Description: The information collected on Form WH-520 identifies

the housing for which certification is being requested; the expected dates of occupancy of the housing; occupancy rates; and the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) who own and/or will control the housing when it is occupied. The form is completed by a Wage and Hour Division Investigator based upon the oral responses of the applicant and an inspection of the housing.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

Title: Payment of Compensation Without Award.

OMB Number: 1215-0022 (Extension).

Frequency: On-occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 6,750.

Total Annualized Capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual (operating/maintaining): \$10,000.

Description: The LS-206 is a basic claims form which is used by insurance carriers and self-insurers to report the start of compensation benefits. It requests only basic data relating to the compensation benefits which are to be paid.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

Title: Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation.

OMB Number: 1215-0023 (Extension).

Frequency: On-occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 4,500.

Total Annualized Capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual (operating/maintaining): \$7,000.

Description: This LS-207 form is a basic claims form which is used by insurance carriers and self-insurers to controvert compensation benefits. It requests only basic data relating to the reason(s) that benefits are not paid.

Pauline Perrow,

Acting Department Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards 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 Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the following proposed extension collection: Rehabilitation Action Report (OWCP-44). A copy of the proposed information collection request 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 June 9, 1999. 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: Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 693-1451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation programs administers the Federal

Employees' Compensation Act, which provides, in pertinent part, that eligible injured workers are furnished vocational rehabilitation services. The costs of these services are paid from the Employees' Compensation Fund. The Rehabilitation Action Report (OWCP-44) is submitted by the rehabilitation counselor to report transition periods in the vocational rehabilitation process and to request prompt claims adjudicatory action.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks an extension of approval to collect this information in order to render timely decisions on eligibility for benefits.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Rehabilitation Action Report.

OMB Number: 1215-0182.

Agency Number: OWCP-44.

Affected Public: Business of other for-profit; individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 7,000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 7,000.

Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,500.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Dated: April 2, 1999.

Margaret J. Sherrill,

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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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 for 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 of 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 superseded 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, whichever 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.