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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Request for Assistance From Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the proposed Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Request for Assistance From Department of Labor, EBSA," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site, <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an e-mail to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-6929/Fax: 202-395-6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), e-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EBSA assists employee benefit plan participants in understanding their rights, responsibilities, and benefits

under employee benefit law and intervenes informally on their behalf with the plan sponsor in order to assist participants in obtaining the health and retirement benefits that may have been inappropriately denied. Such informal intervention can avert the necessity for a formal investigation or a civil action. The EBSA maintains a toll-free telephone number through which inquirers can reach Benefits Advisors in ten Regional Offices. The EBSA has also made a request for assistance form available on its Web site for those wishing to obtain assistance in this manner. To date, the Web form has included only basic identifying information necessary for reaching the inquirer. A Federal agency does not need OMB approval to request such basic contact information. See 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(1). Contact with the EBSA is voluntary.

The proposed information collection is a revised Web intake form. The number of required fields—first name, last name, street address, city, zip code, and telephone number—does not differ from the current form. Through its experience with electronic requests for review under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, approved under OMB Control Number 1210-0135, however, the EBSA has found that obtaining certain additional information can significantly expedite the handling of requests for assistance, resulting in both improved service to customers and enhanced capacity to handle inquiry volume. This information includes the plan type, broad categories of problem type, contact information for responsible parties, and a mechanism for the inquirer to attach relevant documents.

This proposed information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB control number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2011 (76 FR 23844).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within 30 days of publication of

this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB ICR Reference Number 201106-1210-001. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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: Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA).

Title of Collection: Request for Assistance from Department of Labor, EBSA.

OMB ICR Reference Number: 201106-1210-001.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 30,000.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 15,000.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$3,100.

Dated: July 29, 2011.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Disability Employment Policy

"Add Us In" Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Disability Employment Policy, Department of Labor.

Announcement Type: New Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for Cooperative Agreements. The full announcement is posted on <http://www.grants.gov>.

Funding Opportunity Number: SGA 11–02.

DATES: *Key Dates:* The closing date for receipt of applications is September 6, 2011 via <http://www.grants.gov>.

Funding Opportunity Description

The U.S. Department of Labor (“DOL” or “Department”), Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) announces the availability of approximately \$1.65 million to be awarded to consortia to fund three cooperative agreements ranging from \$500,000 to \$550,000. The goal of the Add Us In initiative is to identify and develop strategies to increase the capacity of small businesses and communities, including underrepresented and historically excluded communities, to employ youth and adults with disabilities. Add Us In aims to achieve these goals through: (1) The development and evaluation of replicable models, strategies and policies¹ that would ensure that youth and adults with disabilities from communities that include underrepresented and historically excluded communities have access to a broader range of employment and mentoring opportunities; (2) the development of active and sustainable partnerships between targeted businesses, diversity-serving organizations, youth-serving organizations and disability-serving organizations; and (3) the building of a national and local network of experts skilled in meeting the employment needs of individuals with disabilities and the hiring needs of targeted business owners. The goal of Add Us In will be accomplished through the competitive funding of consortia tasked to design, implement and evaluate innovative systems models that support competitive employment opportunities for people with disabilities within targeted businesses.

For the purpose of this solicitation, the inclusion of underrepresented and historically excluded communities, defined below, is a specific focus. The make-up of these communities may vary in different regions, and can include: ethnic and racial minorities including African American, Asian American (including Asian Americans of West Asian decent, e.g., India, and Asian Americans of East Asian decent, e.g., Japan and Korea); Latino or Hispanic American; Federally recognized Tribes and Native American communities

(including American Indians; Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Native Pacific Islanders (including American Samoan Natives)); Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) individuals; women; veterans; and other similar groups.

Historically excluded communities are areas or groups that face some or all of the following economic challenges: blight, underinvestment, low per capita income, high poverty, high unemployment, discrimination in housing, credit or the labor market, environmental or natural resource degradation, and mass layoffs. A *targeted business* is a small for-profit enterprise such as a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or joint venture of any kind, physically located in the United States or its trust territories that is at least 51 percent owned, operated and controlled on a daily basis by a United States citizen (or citizens) who are members of underrepresented and historically excluded communities.²

The full Solicitation for Grant Applications is posted on <http://www.grants.gov> under U.S. Department of Labor/ODEP. Applications submitted through <http://www.grants.gov> or hard copy will be accepted. If you need to speak to a person concerning these grants, you may telephone Cassandra Mitchell at 202–693–4570 (not a toll-free number). If you have issues regarding access to the <http://www.grants.gov> Web site, you may telephone the Contact Center Phone at 1–800–518–4726.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 1st day of August 2011.

Cassandra R. Mitchell,
Grant Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Training and Employment Guidance (TEGL) Letter No. 33–10: Special Procedures: Labor Certification Process for Itinerant Commercial Beekeeping Employers in the H–2A Program

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the United States Department of Labor (Department) is publishing, for public information, notice of the issuance and availability of TEGL 33–10 entitled, *Special Procedures: Labor Certification Process for Itinerant Commercial Beekeeping Employers in the H–2A Program*, signed on June 14, 2011, by Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Carlson, PhD, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, ETA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C–4312, Washington, DC 20210; Telephone (202) 693–3010 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Special Procedures: Labor Certification Process for Itinerant Commercial Beekeeping Employers in the H–2A Program

1. *Purpose.* To establish special procedures for itinerant commercial beekeeper employers who apply to the Department to obtain labor certifications to hire temporary agricultural foreign workers to perform work in the United States (U.S.)

2. *References.*

- 20 CFR part 655, subpart B;
- 20 CFR part 653, subparts B and F;
- 20 CFR part 654, subpart E.

3. *Background.* In 1986, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) which amended the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.* and established the H–2A Program. In 1987, the Department issued an Interim Final Rule, promulgating the first H–2A regulations (the 1987 regulations) in accordance with IRCA. 54 FR 20496, Jun. 1, 1987. The 1987 regulations provided for the administration of the H–2A Program by ETA Regional Administrators, and instituted procedures to offset the adverse effects of immigration on U.S. workers. Additionally, the 1987 regulations also established special procedures for certain occupations, as long as they did not deviate from the Secretary’s statutory responsibility to determine U.S. worker availability and the adverse effect of foreign workers on

¹ Replicable models, strategies and policies are methods of connecting people with disabilities to employment and might include, but are not limited to, mentoring, entrepreneurial activities, internships, training and leadership opportunities.

² For the purposes of this solicitation, the definition of a “small” (with regard to the size of the business) is as determined by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) regulations addressing business size standards (13 CFR part 121).