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- 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 and Training Administration.

Title: ETA Summaries of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Activities.

OMB Number: 1205-0154.

Agency Number: ETA 2112, 8401, 8403, 8405, 8413, 8414.

Frequency: Monthly.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: ETA 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413, 8414=53 ETA 8403=18.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 1,698.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: The ETA report 8403 monitors Reed Act funds. The ETA reports 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413 and 8414 are used to monitor Unemployment Trust Fund cash flow, disbursement, measure cash management performance and to regulate balances pertaining to unemployment benefits paid from Federal sources. These activities are coordinated from State government accounting systems.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemen (UCX) Handbook.

OMB Number: 1205-0176.

Agency Number: ETA 841, 842.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: ETA 841=138,573; EETA 843=6,929.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: ETA=1.5 minutes; EETA 843=1 minute.

Total Burden Hours: 3,579.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: Federal Law 5 U.S.C. 8521 *et seq.* Provides unemployment insurance protection, to former members of the Armed Forces (ex-servicemen) and is referred to in abbreviated forms as "UCX." The forms in Chapter V through VIII of the UCX Handbook are used in connection with the provisions of this benefit assistance.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Agreement and Undertaking.

OMB Number: 1215-0034.

Agency Number: OWCP-1.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 75.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$105.00.

Description: The OCWP-1 form is executed by the self-insurer who agrees to abide by the Department's rules and authorizes the Secretary, in the event of default, to file suit to secure payment from a bond underwriter or in the case of a Federal Reserve account, to sell the securities for the same purpose. A company cannot be authorized to self-insure until this requirement is met. Regulations establishing this requirement are at 20 CFR 726.110 for Coal Mine/Black Lung and 20 CFR 703.304 for Longshore.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Request to be Selected Payee.

OMB Number: 1215-0166.

Agency Number: CM-910.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated time Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 200.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$210.00.

Description: The CM-910 form is completed by representative payee applicants, who are responsible for the care of Black Lung beneficiaries. The payee applicant completes the form and mails it for evaluation to the district office that has jurisdiction over the

beneficiary's claim file. The collection of this information is required under 20 CFR 725.504-513.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

Date, time and place: December 18, 1996, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1011, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Purpose: The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economics Affairs. *Phone:* (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 25th day of November.

Andrew J. Samet,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs.

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Bureau of Labor Statistics

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 pre-clearance 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 assessed properly. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of "COMP2000." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual 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 February 10, 1997. BLS is particularly interested in comments which help the agency to:

- 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 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: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on (202) 606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The COMP2000 survey, when fully in place, will allow the statistical series now generated by three separate BLS compensation programs to be jointly produced. These programs are the Occupational Compensation Survey Program (OCS), Employment Cost Index (ECI), and Employee Benefits Survey (EBS). Data of these types are critical for setting Federal white-collar salaries, determining monetary policy (as a Principal Economic Indicator), and providing data for compensation administrators and researchers in the private sector. By uniting the collection of these surveys, BLS intends to decrease the cost of gathering and processing these statistics, improve the

quality of the data, and reduce the burden on respondents.

II. Current Actions

The transition to a jointly collected and processed survey began in October of 1996 with the replacement of the current OCS wage levels data with those from the COMP2000 program. BLS began collecting a new, area-based sample to collect wage levels. A new way of identifying and classifying occupations in establishments was also implemented. Area and national bulletins replacing the OCS publications will be produced beginning in 1997.

Beginning in 1998, the COMP 2000 survey will include the collection of benefits. This collection will include information on the cost, provisions, and availability of the major types of employee benefits. This information will be integrated with the wage information to tabulate the total employer cost of compensation.

Data will be updated on either an annual or quarterly basis. The updates will allow for production of data on change in earnings and total compensation over time.

Type of Review: New collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: COMP2000.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Total burden hours (est.)
Government Establishment Form	4,677	Annual or Quarterly	6,393	9	1,029
Government Generic Level Form #1	4,677	Annual or Quarterly	6,393	9	1,029
Government Generic Level Form #2	4,677	Annual or Quarterly	6,393	9	1,029
Government Wage Form	4,677	Annual or Quarterly	6,393	9	1,029
Government Work Schedule Form	4,677	Annual or Quarterly	6,393	9	1,029
Government Benefits Collection Form (FYs 98 and 99 only)	1,715	Annual or Quarterly	4,193	49	2287 (3,430 avg. per year used)
Private Establishment Form	21,823	Annual or Quarterly	32,497	9	4,801
Private Generic Level Form #1	21,823	Annual or Quarterly	32,497	9	4,801
Private Establishment Generic Level Form #2	21,823	Annual or Quarterly	32,497	9	4,801
Private Establishment Wage Form	21,823	Annual or Quarterly	32,497	9	4,801
Private Establishment Work Schedule Form	21,823	Annual or Quarterly	32,497	9	4,801
Private Establishment Benefits Collection Form (FYs 98 and 99 only) ...	8,005	Annual or Quarterly	19,567	49	10,673 (16,009 Avg. per year used)
Government Benefit Tests Form (FY 97 only)	133	Annual	133	262	194 (583 Avg. per year used)
Private Establishment Benefit Tests Form (FY 97 only)	623	Annual	623	262	906 (2,718 Avg. per year used)
Employment Cost Index Collection Form (FYs 97 and 98 only)	158	Annual	158	220	518 (777 Avg. per year used)
Employment Cost Index Update Form	5,614	Quarterly	22,456	30	11,228
Employment Cost Index Quality Assurance Form (FYs 97 and 98 only)	8	Annual	8	15	2 (3 Avg. per year used)
Collection done solely on Computer	16,545	Annual	16,545	25	7,261
Total	32,578	82,293	62,221

Note: All figures are based on a three-year average. The total respondents and total responses columns do not equal the totals, because most respondents are asked to give data that will be used on several forms.

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

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

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

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 5th day of December, 1996.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 96-4 CARP DPRA]

Digital Phonorecord Delivery Rate Adjustment Proceeding

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice of precontroversy discovery schedule.

SUMMARY: The Library of Congress is announcing a new precontroversy discovery period for determining reasonable rates and terms for digital transmissions that constitute a digital phonorecord delivery. The Library is also establishing new dates for the filing of petitions to convene a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) and Notices of Intent to Participate. This action is intended to give all interested parties additional time to negotiate voluntary agreements.

DATES: Petitions to convene a CARP to determine the terms and rates for digital phonorecord deliveries must be filed by March 3, 1997. Notices of Intent to Participate must be filed by March 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Petitions to convene a CARP and Notices of Intent to Participate, when sent by mail, should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. If hand delivered, they should be brought to: Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Office, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-407, First and Independence Avenues, SE, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Roberts, Senior Attorney for Compulsory Licenses, or Tanya Sandros, Attorney Advisor, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels, P.O. Box

70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 1, 1995, Congress passed the Digital Performance Right in Sound Recordings Act of 1995 ("Digital Performance Act"). Public Law No. 104-39, 109 Stat. 336. Among other things, it confirms and clarifies that the scope of the compulsory license to make and distribute phonorecords of nondramatic musical compositions includes the right to distribute or authorize distribution by means of a digital transmission which constitutes a "digital phonorecord delivery." 17 U.S.C. 115(c)(3)(A). A "digital phonorecord delivery" is defined as each individual delivery of a phonorecord by digital transmission of a sound recording which results in a specifically identifiable reproduction by or for any transmission recipient * * *." 17 U.S.C. 115(d).

The Digital Performance Act established that the rate for all digital phonorecord deliveries made or authorized under a compulsory license on or before December 31, 1997, is the same rate in effect for the making and distribution of physical phonorecords. 17 U.S.C. 115(c)(3)(A)(i). For digital phonorecord deliveries made or authorized after December 31, 1997, the Digital Performance Act established a process that may take two-steps for determining the terms and rates. 17 U.S.C. 115(c)(3)(A)(ii). The first step in the process is a voluntary negotiation period initiated by the Librarian of Congress to enable copyright owners and users of the section 115 digital phonorecord delivery license to negotiate the terms and rates of the license. The Librarian initiated this period on July 17, 1996, and directed it to end on December 31, 1996. 61 FR 37213 (July 17, 1996).

The second step of the process is the convening of a CARP to determine reasonable terms and rates for digital phonorecord deliveries for parties not subject to a negotiated agreement. In the July 17, 1996, Federal Register notice, the Library stated that CARP proceedings would begin, in accordance with the rules of 37 CFR part 251, on January 31, 1997. 61 FR 37214. The Library also directed those parties not subject to a negotiated agreement to file their petitions to convene a CARP, as required by 17 U.S.C. 115(c)(3)(D), by January 10, 1997, and their Notices of Intent to Participate in CARP proceedings by January 17, 1997. *Id.* In addition, the Library directed interested parties to comment by November 8,

1996, on the possibility of consolidating the CARP proceeding to determine terms and rates for digital phonorecord deliveries with the proceeding to adjust the mechanical royalty rate for the making and distributing of physical phonorecords. 61 FR 37215.

Petition To Vacate

On November 8, 1996, the Library received a joint motion from the Recording Industry Association of America, the National Music Publishers' Association, Inc., and The Harry Fox Agency, Inc. (collectively, "the Parties") to vacate the scheduled dates appearing in the July 17, 1996, Federal Register notice for convening a CARP. The Parties submit that they are in continuous negotiations to reach a private agreement as to the terms and rates for digital phonorecord deliveries, and that the Library's announced schedule for CARP proceedings will prematurely terminate these negotiations and eliminate the likelihood that a private agreement will be reached. The Parties request an extension of the negotiation period until April 1, 1997, at which point they will inform the Library if they need additional time.

In support of their request, the Parties submit that a CARP proceeding to set terms and rates for digital phonorecord deliveries, if required, need not be completed in calendar year 1997. Despite the fact that the current rates for digital phonorecord deliveries expire on December 31, 1997, the Parties submit that any rates and terms established through a CARP proceeding, no matter when it is completed, will be effective beginning January 1, 1998. 17 U.S.C. 115(c)(3)(D). As a result, the Parties assert that no party will be prejudiced by vacating the current schedule and allowing the current negotiations to continue until completed.

In addition to their request to vacate the CARP schedule, the Parties oppose at this time the consolidation of the digital phonorecord delivery CARP proceeding with the CARP proceeding for adjusting the mechanical royalty rate for physical phonorecords. Should negotiations for a digital phonorecord delivery agreement fail, the Parties will notify the Library at that time as to their views on consolidation.

New Precontroversy Discovery Schedule

The Library is announcing a new and complete precontroversy discovery schedule for a CARP proceeding to establish the terms and rates for the section 115 license for digital phonorecord deliveries for parties not