

APPENDIX—Continued

| Subject firm | Location | Date received at Governor's office | Petition No. | Articles produced |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Logistix (Wkrs) | Hillsboro, OR | 03/30/1999 | NAFTA-3,063 | Media duplication and electronic printing. |
| Uniroyal Chemical (Co.) | Painesville, OH | 03/26/1999 | NAFTA-3,064 | Nitrile rubber. |
| E.I. du Pont de Nemours (Wkrs) | Rochester, NY | 03/30/1999 | NAFTA-3, 065 | Medical x-ray processing chemistries. |
| Precision Circuits (IAM) | Eatontown, NJ | 03/25/1999 | NAFTA-3, 066 | Printed circuits boards. |
| Plaid Clothing (UNITE) | Knoxville, TN | 03/30/1999 | NAFTA-3, 067 | Mens tailored suits. |
| Paris Fashions (Wkrs) | Paris, TN | 04/01/1999 | NAFTA-3, 068 | Men's and women's clothing. |
| Crescent—U.S. Mat (Co.) | Rapdi City, SD | 03/31/1999 | NAFTA-3, 069 | Picture frames. |
| Oneita Industries (Co.) | Andrew, SC | 04/05/1999 | NAFTA-3, 070 | T-shirts. |
| Blitz Weinbard Brewery (Co.) | Portland, OR | 04/05/1999 | NAFTA-3, 071 | Beer and ale. |
| Bengle Manufacturing (Co.) | Stuart, VA | 04/05/1999 | NAFTA-3, 072 | Fleece garments and t-shirts. |
| Gray Bec Lime (BMU) | Bellefeste, PA | 04/06/1999 | NAFTA-3, 073 | Lime. |
| Stand Lumsden Farm (Co.) | Bloomfield, MO | 04/06/1999 | NAFTA-3, 074 | Corn and cotton. |
| BASF (Wkrs) | Detroit, MI | 03/29/1999 | NAFTA-3, 075 | Paint, resins and colorants. |

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**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 1994 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This problem 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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "National Compensation Survey." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressed section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before June 28, 1999.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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: 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, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) is an ongoing survey of earnings and benefits among private firms, and State and Local government. The survey resulted from the integration of three surveys: the Occupational Compensation Survey Program (OCSPP); the Employment Cost Index (ECI); and the Employee Benefits Survey (EBS). Data from these surveys are critical for setting Federal white-collar salaries, determining monetary policy (as a Principal Federal Economic Indicator), and providing data for compensation administrators and researchers in the private sector.

Data are collected from a sample of employers. These data consist of information about the duties, responsibilities, and compensation for a sample of occupations for each sampled employer.

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

II. Current Actions

In 1996, BLS began the National Compensation Survey (NCS) with the collection of occupational earnings by locality and by job duties and responsibilities. Since that time, BLS has published compilations of these data for 65 separate localities.

In 1998, BLS began the collection of benefits data in the NCS. BLS collected information on the cost, provisions, and incidence of all the major employee benefits through the ECI and EBS. The change to the NCS sample reduces total respondent burden and increases possible ways BLS can provide data.

NCS data on benefit costs will continue to be used to produce the Employment Cost Index and Employer Expenditures for Employee Compensation Series. The data provided will be the same, and the series will be continuous.

The NCS also will provide much of the data now provided by the EBS. These data include estimates of how many workers receive the various employer-sponsored benefits and the common features of those benefit plans.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Title: National Compensation Survey.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 40,116 (3-year average).

Frequency: Annually in some establishments, and quarterly in others.
Total Responses: 71,607 (3-year average).

Average Time Per Response: 45 minutes (3-year average).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 54,262 hours (3-year average).

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

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

All figures in the chart below are based on a 3-year average. The sum of total respondents and the sum of total responses are greater on the chart below than the figures listed above; many respondents are asked to provide information relating to more than one form.

Collection forms can have multiple purposes. The chart below shows the average collection time for the

predominant use of the form, and the weighted average time for all uses of the form. The benefit initiation forms, for example, are used both for initial collection of benefits from an establishment, and for technical review of the initial collection. The initial collection takes an average of 180 minutes, while the records check takes about eight minutes. The weighted average collection time in 156 minutes.

| Form | Total respondents | Frequency | Total annual responses | Average minutes per response | Average time for the predominant form use | Total annual burden |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Earnings Initiation (NCS 99-1) | 5,640 | Annual or Quarterly | 6,204 | 76 | 82 | 7,821 |
| Earnings Update (NCS 99-2) | 24,106 | Annual or Quarterly | 54,368 | 19 | 20 | 17,477 |
| Benefits Initiation (NCS 99-3) ¹ ... | 2,240 | Annual or Quarterly | 2,593 | 156 | 180 | 6,748 |
| Benefits Update (NCS 99-4) | 10,686 | Annual or Quarterly | 37,807 | 20 | 20 | 12,464 |
| Informed Consent (NCS 99-5) | (*) | Unknown | Unknown | Negligible | Negligible | Negligible |
| Collection Not Tied to a Specific Form. | 10,370 | Annual | 10,370 | 56 | 82 | 9,752 |
| Total | 53,041 | | 111,342 | | | 54,262 |

¹ Form 3038D will continue to be used until the NCS data capture system is completed at the end of FY 2000.

* Unknown; dependent upon number of respondents who elect to have third parties provide data.

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; the comments also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of April 1999.

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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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Program Survey."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 309(2)(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) states that the Secretary of Labor shall oversee development, maintenance, and continuous improvements of the incidence of, industrial and geographical location of, and number of workers displaced by, permanent layoffs and plant closings. Prior to the WIA, Section 462(e) of PL 97-300, the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), provided that the Secretary of Labor develop and maintain statistical data relating to permanent mass layoffs and plant closings and issue an annual report. The report includes, at a minimum, the number of plant closings