

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: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Employee Benefit Plan Claim Procedures under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

OMB Number: 1210-0053.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 6,690,345.

Number of Responses: 63,317,000.

Total Burden Hours: 504,000.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$54,520,000.

Description: ERISA section 503 and regulations at 29 CFR 2560.503-1 require employee benefit plans to establish procedures for notification on claim denials, disclosure of reasons, and notice of opportunity to obtain review of the denial.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Renewal

The Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative have taken steps to renew the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy. The Committee and subcommittees will be chartered pursuant to section 135(c)(1-2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(c)(1-2)), as amended by section 1103 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, Public Law 96-39, 93 Stat. 308, the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, Public Law 100-418, 102 Stat. 1107 (1988) and Executive Order No. 11846, March 27, 1975 (19 U.S.C. 2111 nt).

The Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy consults with, and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Labor and to the United States Trade Representative on issues of general policy matters concerning labor and trade negotiations, operations of any trade agreement once entered into, and other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States.

The Committee will meet at irregular intervals at the call of the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative. The Steering Subcommittee will meet bi-monthly. Other subcommittees may meet on an ad hoc basis.

For further information contact: Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Frances Perkins Building, Department of Labor, Room S-5325, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Telephone: (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 2nd day of July, 1999.

Alexis M. Herman,

Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of International Labor Affairs

International Child Labor Program; Solicitation for Grant Application: Develop and Publicize Factual Information About Child Labor, its Use and Solutions to the Problem of Child Labor Worldwide

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) International Child Labor Program.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this SGA is to award grants to one or more private, nonprofit organizations for the purpose of developing and publicizing factual information about the use of child labor, creating innovative partnerships to address child labor, and organizing a public dialogue about best-practice solutions to the problem of child labor worldwide. The grant or grants will be administered by the International Child Labor Program (ICLP) of the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB).

DATES: The closing date for receipt of a completed application in response to the SGA will be no later than 4:45 p.m. on July 30, 1999.

FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION SEND WRITTEN REQUEST TO: Lisa Harvey, Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, Room N-5416, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Telephone Number (202) 219-9335.

Signed at Washington, DC this 7th day of July, 1999.

Lawrence J. Kuss,

Grant Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection; ETA 203, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed; 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 (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the collection of the ETA 203, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed. A copy of the proposed

information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSEES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before September 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Cynthia Ambler, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, 20210. Phone number: 202-219-6209 x129. Fax: 202-219-8506. (These are not toll free numbers.) E-mail: amblerc@doleta.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Ambler, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, 20210. Phone number: 202-219-6209 x129. Fax: 202-219-8506. (These are not toll free numbers.) E-mail: amblerc@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ETA 203, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, is a once a month snapshot of the demographic composition of the claimant population. It is based on those who file a claim in the week containing the 19th of the month which reflects unemployment during the week containing the 12th. This corresponds with the BLS total unemployment sample week. Aggregate data is collected on sex, race/ethnic group, age, industry, and occupation.

II. Current Actions

This report continues to be needed as it is the only source of demographic information on the insured unemployed. The revision being proposed will convert the industry classification to be reported from the current Standard Industry Classification (SIC) to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and will convert occupation reporting from the current Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) to the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The proposed revision will make this reporting conform to standards being adopted throughout government.

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;
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Type of Review: Extension with change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed.

OMB Number: 1205-0009.

Agency Number: ETA 203.

Affected Public: State Government.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: ETA 203.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Monthly.

Total Responses: 636.

Average Time per Response: .34.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

Continuing reporting is 212 hours per year. Adjusting computer programs once is estimated at 24 hours per state or 1,272 hours total.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$31,800.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$15,900.

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.

Dated: July 7, 1999.

Grace A. Kilbane,

Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Independent Contractor Register

AGENCY: 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Independent Contractor Register. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

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A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the Addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 715, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to tomalley@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. O'Malley can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and