

[FR Doc. 99-18676 Filed 7-21-99; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4510-30-M

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act; Planning Guidance and Instructions for the Submission of the Strategic Five-Year Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Workforce Investment Systems) and Wagner- Peyser Act 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. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Workforce Investment Act requirements that the Governor submit a five-year strategic plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and for the Wagner-Peyser Act to the Secretary of Labor. The State Boards, in partnership with the Local Boards, will help the Governor develop the strategic vision and the statewide plan. Among other things, the plan will describe statewide workforce investment activities, explain how the requirements of the Act will be implemented, and outline how special population groups will be served.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before August 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Eric Johnson, Workforce Investment Implementation Task Force Office, US Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-

5513, Washington, D.C. 20210, Telephone: (202) 219-0316 (voice) (This is not a toll-free number), or 1-800-326-2577 (TDD). Information may also be found at the website-<http://usworkforce.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA or Act), Pub. L. 105-220 (August 7, 1998) provides the framework for a reformed national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet the needs of the nation's employers, job seekers and those who want to further their careers. Titles I, III, and V of the Act encourage States to reform existing employment and training programs to reach two important goals: (1) To think broadly about how Federal, state, local resources and the private sector can be brought together to increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and (2) to increase occupational skill levels of customers. This will result in a more qualified workforce, a reduction in welfare dependency, and enhanced productivity and competitiveness for the Nation. The new law makes changes to the current workforce development system in many areas, including: funding streams; target populations; delivery systems; performance accountability; long-term planning; and governance structure.

II. Review Focus

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.

III. Submission of State Plans

States are encouraged to take advantage of the option to submit their plans electronically as indicated below.

Pursuant to instructions issued by the Secretary, States are required to submit their State Plan (with an original signature) along with two copies to the US Department of Labor, WIA Task Force as follows: Mr. Raymond L. Bramucci, Assistant Secretary Employment and Training Administration, US Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-5513, Washington, DC 20210, ATTN: Eric Johnson, Director, WIA Task Force, (wia98tf@doleta.gov). One copy of the Plan (with an original signature) must also be sent simultaneously to the appropriate ETA Regional Administrator.

States may also submit State Plans via diskette or e-mail. In order to transmit electronically, States must have WordPerfect or Microsoft Word format. (Macintosh versions cannot be accepted.) States submitting State Plans electronically should transmit one copy of the Plan to the U.S. Department of Labor, WIA Task Force at the address or e-mail address identified above, and one copy to the appropriate ETA Regional Administrator. States that submit State Plans electronically will not have to submit additional copies, but must submit signature pages with an original signature to both the national and regional offices. States wishing to implement WIA between July 1, 1999 and July 1, 2000 may submit their Plans anytime before April 1, 2000. All States must submit their full Plans no later than April 1, 2000.

Whenever a State submits its Plan, section 404 of WIA (which amends Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) requires the State to submit its Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan on the same date.

IV. Current Actions

States will not be able to receive funds if the Strategic Five Year State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Workforce Investment Systems) is not submitted. Without an extension, the existing collection would be in use without an OMB control number. Section 112(a) of the Workforce Investment Act (Pub. L. 105-220, August 7, 1998), requires the Governor of the State to submit to the Secretary a Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title I of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act, in order to be eligible to receive an allocation under section 127 or 132 or to receive financial assistance.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of the Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title

I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act
OMB Number: 1205-0398.

Affected Public: The State Plan will be submitted by 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and United States Virgin Islands. There are no special circumstances that require the collection of information to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with 5 CFR 1320.8.

Total Respondents: 54 respondents are expected to submit State Plans by April 1, 2000.

Frequency: Once every five years.

Total Expected Responses: 54 Responses.

Average Time per Response: It is estimated that 50 hour burden per response will be required. There is no experience under WIA to determine estimated burden of 2700 Burden Hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

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 15, 1999.

Raymond J. Uhalde,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

[FR Doc. 99-18675 Filed 7-21-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-30-P

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-03192A]

Perfection Pad Co., Inc. a/k/a Consolidated Contractors a/k/a New York Pad Co., Buffalo, New York and Bronx, New York; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 250(A), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on June 3, 1999, applicable to workers of Perfection Pad Co., Inc., a/k/a Consolidated Contractors, a/k/a New York Pad Co., located in Buffalo, New York. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 1999 (64 FR 35186).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification of workers of the subject firm. New

information received from the company shows that worker separations occurred at the Bronx New York facility of Perfection Pad Co., Inc. when it closed in December, 1998. The workers were engaged in the production of shoulder pads and sleeveheads used by clothing manufacturers.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Perfection Pad Co., Inc. who were adversely affected by increased imports of shoulder pads and sleeveheads.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover the workers of Perfection Pad Co., Inc., also known as Consolidated Contractors, also known as New York Pad Co., Bronx, New York.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-03191 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Perfection Pad Co., Inc., also known as Consolidated Contractors, also known as New York Pad Co., Buffalo, New York (NAFTA-3192) and Bronx, New York (NAFTA-3192A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 17, 1998 through June 3, 2001 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 14th day of July, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

[FR Doc. 99-18679 Filed 7-21-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-30-M

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-10257, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; Pacific Life Corporation (Pacific Life)

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments, and with respect to exemptions involving the fiduciary prohibitions of section 406(b) of the Act, requests for hearing within 45 days from

the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5507, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, these notices of proposed exemption are issued solely by the Department.

The applications contain representations with regard to the proposed exemptions which are summarized below. Interested persons are referred to the applications on file