

*estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:*

It is estimated that approximately 20,964 respondents will respond with an average of 15 minutes per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated burden is 5,241 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Room 3E.405B Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 7, 2016.

**Jerri Murray,**

*Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation Notice of Determination Regarding Review of Submission #2015-04

**AGENCY:** Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Trade and Labor Affairs (OTLA) gives notice that on January 11, 2016, Submission #2015-04 regarding Mexico was accepted for review pursuant to Article 16(3) of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC).

On November 12, 2015, the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 770, the Frente Auténtico del Trabajo, the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, and the Project on Organizing, Development, Education, and Research, provided a submission to OTLA, through Change to Win, alleging violations of the NAALC by the Government of Mexico (GOM). U.S. Submission #2015-04 alleges that the GOM has failed to meet its obligations under the NAALC, including to effectively enforce its labor laws with respect to freedom of association, collective bargaining, discrimination, minimum labor standards, occupational safety and health, and workers' compensation and to ensure that its labor law proceedings are fair, equitable, and transparent.

OTLA's decision to accept the submission for review is not intended to indicate any determination as to the

validity or accuracy of the allegations contained in the submission. The objective of the review will be to gather information so that OTLA can better understand the allegations contained in the submission and publicly report on the issues raised therein in light of the GOM's obligations under the NAALC. As set out in the Procedural Guidelines (published as 71 FR 76691 (2006)), OTLA will complete the review and issue a public report to the Secretary of Labor within 180 days of this acceptance, unless circumstances, as determined by OTLA, require an extension of time.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 11, 2016.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Levin, Director, OTLA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S-5303, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-4900. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Article 16(3) of the NAALC requires that each Party's National Administrative Office provide for the submission and receipt of public communications ("submissions") regarding labor law matters arising in the territory of another Party and review those submissions in accordance with domestic procedures. A **Federal Register** notice issued on December 21, 2006, informed the public that the OTLA had been designated as the office to serve as the contact point for implementing the labor provisions of United States free trade agreements and had retained the functions of, and designation as, the National Administrative Office to administer Departmental responsibilities under the NAALC. The same **Federal Register** notice informed the public of the Procedural Guidelines that OTLA would follow for the receipt and review of public submissions (71 FR 76691 (2006)). These Procedural Guidelines are available at <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/media/pdf/2006021837.pdf>. According to the definitions contained in the Procedural Guidelines (Section B) a "submission" is "a communication from the public containing specific allegations, accompanied by relevant supporting information, that another Party has failed to meet its commitments or obligations arising under a labor chapter" of a U.S. free trade agreement or Part Two of the NAALC.

The Procedural Guidelines specify that OTLA shall consider six factors, to the extent that they are relevant, in determining whether to accept a submission for review:

1. Whether the submission raises issues relevant to any matter arising under a labor chapter or the NAALC;

2. Whether a review would further the objectives of a labor chapter or the NAALC;

3. Whether the submission clearly identifies the person filing the submission, is signed and dated, and is sufficiently specific to determine the nature of the request and permit an appropriate review;

4. Whether the statements contained in the submission, if substantiated, would constitute a failure of the other Party to comply with its obligations or commitments under a labor chapter or the NAALC;

5. Whether the statements contained in the submission or available information demonstrate that appropriate relief has been sought under the domestic laws of the other Party, or that the matter or a related matter is pending before an international body; and

6. Whether the submission is substantially similar to a recent submission and significant, new information has been furnished that would substantially differentiate the submission from the one previously filed.

U.S. Submission #2015-04 alleges that the GOM has failed to meet its obligations under the NAALC, including to effectively enforce its labor laws with respect to freedom of association, collective bargaining, discrimination, minimum labor standards, occupational safety and health, and workers' compensation and to ensure that its labor law proceedings are fair, equitable, and transparent.

In determining whether to accept the submission, OTLA considered the statements in the submission in light of the relevant factors identified in the Procedural Guidelines. The submission raises issues relevant to multiple NAALC Labor Principles. The submission clearly identifies the submitters, is signed and dated, and is sufficiently specific to determine the nature of the request and permit an appropriate review. The submission raises pertinent issues that could further the objectives of the NAALC and that could, if substantiated, constitute a failure of the GOM to comply with its obligations under the NAALC. The submitters provided both general information and specific worker interview results related to alleged protection contracts and a description of methodology and efforts to gain access to registered collective bargaining agreements through Web sites and GOM officials. The submission notes that

issues raised in the submission have not been remedied to date. OTLA has not received similar submissions related to the NAALC obligations of the GOM. Accordingly, OTLA has accepted the submission for review.

OTLA's decision to accept the submission for review is not intended to indicate any determination as to the validity or accuracy of the allegations contained in the submission. The objective of the review will be to gather information so that OTLA can better understand the allegations contained in the submission and to publicly report on the issues raised therein. As set out in the Procedural Guidelines, OTLA will complete the review and issue a public report to the Secretary of Labor within 180 days, unless circumstances, as determined by OTLA, require an extension of time. The public report will include a summary of the review process, as well as any findings and recommendations.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 7, 2016.

**Carol Pier,**

*Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Comment Request for Information Collection for the Evaluation of the Disability Employment Initiative Round 5 and Future Rounds

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

**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 is properly assessed. Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Evaluation of the Disability Employment Initiative Round 5 and

Future Rounds. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before February 11, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either one of the following methods: Email: [hunter.cherise@dol.gov](mailto:hunter.cherise@dol.gov); Mail or Courier: Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1303, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Cherise Hunter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cherise Hunter by telephone at 202-693-4931 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [hunter.cherise@dol.gov](mailto:hunter.cherise@dol.gov). Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (Large print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request by calling (202) 693-7880 (this is not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial (202) 693-7881 to obtain information or to request materials in alternative formats.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The proposed information collection activities described in this notice will provide data for an impact and implementation evaluation of the Disability Employment Initiative Round 5 and future rounds (DEI R5FR). The DEI was first funded by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) in 2010. DEI was designed to improve educational, training and employment opportunities and outcomes of youth and adults with disabilities who are unemployed, underemployed and/or receiving Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), by refining and expanding already identified successful public workforce strategies; improving coordination and collaboration among employment and training and asset development programs implemented at state and local levels, including the expansion of the public workforce investment system's capacity to serve as Ticket to Work (TTW) Employment Networks (ENs) under the Social Security Administration's (SSA) TTW Program; and build effective community partnerships that leverage public and private resources to better serve individuals with disabilities and improve employment outcomes.

Thirty-one grants in Rounds 1-4 were awarded from September 2010 to

September 2014 to state government agencies which distributed the funds to their local workforce investment areas' (LWIAs) American Job Centers (AJCs) to implement these activities. In 2014, ETA and ODEP provided \$14,837,785 to six Round 5 grantees. Round 6 grantees were awarded cooperative agreements in October 2015. Since 2010, the Department of Labor has awarded over \$95 million in grants to state workforce agencies. DEI Rounds 1-4 focused on the implementation of strategic service delivery strategies including integrated resource teams, blending and braiding of resources, use of the Guideposts for Success (youth grantees only), customized employment, self-employment and asset development strategies. R5FR will add career pathways to the DEI service package.

The DEI R5FR impact study will use two distinct quasi-experimental design (QED) study designs to determine the impact of DEI interventions on participant outcomes. The first study design is a matched comparison group design, with the treatment and comparison conditions established at the LWIA level. The second design will match similar participants *within* the Round 5 grantee treatment LWIAs, with the only primary difference being enrollment in the career pathways component versus enrollment in other programs and services. The implementation study will examine the context in which each grant is being implemented; grantee customer characteristics; implementation of the DEI requirements; what the grantee's DEI strategies are; program implementation challenges; and systems change.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on three proposed data collection instruments that will be used in the DEI evaluation:

(1) Site visit/interviews protocols. Site visits will occur at three points in time and will collect information on the current status at baseline and change in grantees' workforce development system at follow-up; grantee customer characteristics; implementation of the grant requirements and strategies; program implementation challenges; and system change.

(2) Participant tracking system. For the purposes of tracking individual DEI Round 5 participants and collecting information that is not collected by Workforce Investment Act Standardized Record Data (WIASRD) or Wagner-Peyser (W-P), a Participant Tracking System (PTS) that is independent of the WIASRD and W-P systems will be used. The PTS will provide DEI customer tracking information from participating