These authorities prohibit employment discrimination by covered federal contractors and subcontractors and require that they provide equal employment opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran. Additionally, federal contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from discriminating against applicants and employees for asking about, discussing, or sharing information about their pay or the pay of their co-workers. E.O. 11246 applies to federal contractors and subcontractors and to federally assisted construction contractors holding a Government contract in excess of $10,000, or Government contracts which have, or can reasonably be expected to have, an aggregate total value exceeding $10,000 in a 12-month period. E.O. 11246 also applies to government bills of lading, depositories of federal funds in any amount, and to financial institutions that are issuing and paying agents for U.S. Savings Bonds. Section 503 prohibits employment discrimination against applicants and employees because of physical or mental disability and requires affirmative action to ensure that persons are treated without regard to disability. Section 503 applies to federal contractors and subcontractors with contracts in excess of $15,000. VEVRAA prohibits employment discrimination against protected veterans and requires affirmative action to ensure that persons are treated without regard to their status as a protected veteran. VEVRAA applies to federal contractors and subcontractors with contracts of $150,000 or more. This collection will implement the Excellence in Disability Inclusion award that will recognize federal contractor and subcontractor establishments that ensure equal employment opportunity, foster employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and have achieved a level of excellence in their compliance with Section 503.

II. Review Focus: OFCCP is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the compliance and enforcement 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. Current Actions: OFCCP seeks approval of this new information collection in order to carry out and enhance its responsibilities to enforce the anti-discrimination and affirmative action provisions of the three legal authorities it administers.

Type of Review: New Request.

Agency: Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.

Title: Contractor Recognition Program—Excellence in Disability Inclusion Award.

OMB Number: 1250–[NEW].

Agency Number:

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit entities.

Total Respondents: 100.

Total Annual Responses: 100 biennially.

Average Time per Response: 27 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,700.

Frequency: Biennially.

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 OMB approval of this information collection request and become a matter of public record.

Harvey D. Fort,

Acting Director, Division of Policy and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

[Docket Number DOL–2018–0006]

Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Forced or Indentured Child Labor in the Production of Goods in Foreign Countries and Efforts by Certain Foreign Countries To Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor

AGENCY: The Bureau of International Labor Affairs, United States Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice: Request for information and invitation to comment.

SUMMARY: This notice is a request for information and/or comment on three reports issued by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) regarding child labor and forced labor in certain foreign countries. Relevant information submitted by the public will be used by the Department of Labor (DOL) in preparing its ongoing reporting as required under Congressional mandates and a Presidential directive. The 2017 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor report (TDA report), published on September 20, 2018, discusses efforts of 132 countries and territories to eliminate the worst forms of child labor over the course of 2017 and assesses whether countries made significant, moderate, minimal, or no advancement during that year. It also suggests actions foreign countries can take to eliminate the worst forms of child labor through legislation, enforcement, coordination, policies, and social programs. The 2018 edition of the List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor (TVPRA List), also published on September 20, 2018, makes available to the public a list of goods from countries that ILAB has reason to believe are produced by child labor or forced labor in violation of international standards. Finally, the List of Products Produced by Forced or Indentured Child Labor (E.O. 13126 List), provides a list of products, identified by country of origin, that DOL, in consultation and cooperation with the Departments of State (DOS) and Homeland Security (DHS), has a reasonable basis to believe might have been mined, produced, or manufactured with forced or indentured child labor. Relevant information submitted by the public will be used by DOL in preparing the next edition of the TDA report, to be published in 2019; the next edition of the TVPRA List, to be published in 2020; and for possible updates to the E.O. 13126 List as needed.

DATES: Submitters of information are requested to provide their submission to DOL's Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT) at the email or physical address below by 5 p.m. on January 11, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Information submitted to the Department of Labor should be submitted directly to OCFT, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor. Comments, identified as ''Docket No. DOL–2018–0006,'' may be submitted by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* You may submit electronic comments to: *http://www.regulations.gov.* The portal includes instructions for submitting

comments. Parties submitting responses electronically are encouraged not to submit paper copies.

2. *Facsimile (fax):* OCFT, at 202–693–4830.

3. *Mail, Express Delivery, Hand Delivery, and Messenger Service (1 copy):* Rachel Rigby and Chanda Uluca, U.S. Department of Labor, OCFT, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S–5315, Washington, DC 20210.

4. *Email:* Email submissions should be addressed to both Rachel Rigby (*rigby.rachel@dol.gov*) and Chanda Uluca (*Uluca.Chanda@dol.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Rigby and Chanda Uluca. Please see contact information above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The Trade and Development Act of 2000 (TDA), Public Law 106–200 (2000), established eligibility criterion for receipt of trade benefits under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). The TDA amended the GSP reporting requirements of Section 504 of the Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2464, to require that the President's annual report on the status of internationally recognized worker rights include ''findings by the Secretary of Labor with respect to the beneficiary country's implementation of its international commitments to eliminate the worst forms of child labor.''

The TDA Conference Report clarifies this mandate, indicating that the President consider the following when considering whether a country is complying with its obligations to eliminate the worst forms of child labor: ''(1) Whether the country has adequate laws and regulations proscribing the worst forms of child labor; (2) whether the country has adequate laws and regulations for the implementation and enforcement of such measures; (3) whether the country has established formal institutional mechanisms to investigate and address complaints relating to allegations of the worst forms of child labor; (4) whether social programs exist in the country to prevent the engagement of children in the worst forms of child labor, and to assist with the removal of children engaged in the worst forms of child labor; (5) whether the country has a comprehensive policy for the elimination of the worst forms of child labor; and (6) whether the country is making *continual progress* toward eliminating the worst forms of child labor.''

DOL fulfills this reporting mandate through annual publication of the U.S. Department of Labor's Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor with respect to countries eligible for GSP. To access the 2017 TDA report and Frequently Asked Questions, please visit *https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ilab/resources/reports/child-labor/findings/.*

II. Section 105(b) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (''TVPRA of 2005''), Public Law 109–164 (2006), 22 U.S.C. 7112(b), directed the Secretary of Labor, acting through ILAB, to ''develop and make available to the public a list of goods from countries that ILAB has reason to believe are produced by forced labor or child labor in violation of international standards'' (TVPRA List).

Pursuant to this mandate, on December 27, 2007, DOL published in the **Federal Register** a set of procedural guidelines that ILAB follows in developing the TVPRA List (72 FR 73374). The guidelines set forth the criteria by which information is evaluated; established procedures for public submission of information to be considered by ILAB; and identified the process ILAB follows in maintaining and updating the TVPRA List after its initial publication.

ILAB published its first TVPRA List on September 30, 2009, and issued updates in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2018. (In 2014, ILAB began publishing the TVPRA List every other year, pursuant to changes in the law. See 22 U.S.C. 7112(b).) ILAB can also publish more frequent updates, at its discretion. For a copy of previous editions of the TVPRA List, Frequently Asked Questions, and other materials relating to the TVPRA List, see ILAB's TVPRA web page at *http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/.*

III. Executive Order No. 13126 (E.O. 13126) declared that it was ''the policy of the United States Government . . . that the executive agencies shall take appropriate actions to enforce the laws prohibiting the manufacture or importation of goods, wares, articles, and merchandise mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part by forced or indentured child labor.'' The E.O. 13126 List is intended to ensure that U.S. federal agencies do not procure goods made by forced or indentured child labor. Under procurement regulations, federal contractors who supply products on the E.O. 13126 List must certify that they have made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to produce the items supplied. Pursuant to E.O. 13126, and following public notice and comment, the Department of Labor published in the January 18, 2001, **Federal Register**, a final list of products (''E.O. 13126 List''), identified by country of origin, that the Department, in consultation and cooperation with the Departments of State (DOS) and Treasury [relevant responsibilities are now within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)], had a reasonable basis to believe might have been mined, produced or manufactured with forced or indentured child labor (66 FR 5353). In addition to the E.O. 13126 List, the Department also published on January 18, 2001, ''Procedural Guidelines for Maintenance of the List of Products Requiring Federal Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor,'' which provide for maintaining, reviewing, and, as appropriate, revising the E.O. 13126 List (66 FR 5351).

Pursuant to Sections D through G of the Procedural Guidelines, the E.O. 13126 List may be updated through consideration of submissions by individuals or through OCFT's own initiative.

DOL has officially revised the E.O. 13126 List four times, most recently on December 1, 2014, each time after public notice and comment as well as consultation with DOS and DHS.

The current E.O. 13126 List, Procedural Guidelines, and related information can be accessed on the internet at *http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-products/index-country.htm.*

Information Requested and Invitation to Comment: Interested parties are invited to comment and provide information regarding these reports. DOL requests comments on or information relevant to updating the findings and suggested government actions for countries reviewed in the TDA report, assessing each country's individual advancement toward eliminating the worst forms of child labor during the current reporting period compared to previous years, and maintaining and updating the TVPRA and E.O. Lists. For more information on the types of issues covered in the TDA report, please see Appendix III of the report. Materials submitted should be confined to the specific topics of the TDA report, the TVPRA List, and the E.O. 13126 List. DOL will generally consider sources with dates up to five years old (*i.e.,* data not older than January 1, 2014). DOL appreciates the extent to which submissions clearly indicate the time period to which they apply. In the interest of transparency in our reporting, classified information will not be accepted. Where applicable, information submitted should indicate its source or sources, and copies of the source material should be provided. If primary sources are utilized, such as research studies, interviews, direct

observations, or other sources of quantitative or qualitative data, details on the research or data-gathering methodology should be provided. Please see the TDA report, TVPRA List, and the E.O. 13126 List for a complete explanation of relevant terms, definitions, and reporting guidelines employed by DOL. Per our standard procedures, submissions will be published on the ILAB web page at *https://www.dol.gov/ilab/submissions/*.

This notice is a general solicitation of comments from the public.

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 7112(b)(2)(C) and 19 U.S.C. 2464.

Martha E. Newton,

Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Arts Advisory Panel Meetings

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given that 17 meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference.

DATES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for individual meeting times and dates. All meetings are Eastern Time and ending times are approximate.

ADDRESSES: National Endowment for the Arts, Constitution Center, 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Sherry Hale, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; *hales@arts.gov,* or call 202/682–5696.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of July 5, 2016, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of title 5, United States Code.

The upcoming meetings are:

Musical Theater (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: October 30, 2018; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Theater (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: October 30, 2018; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Opera (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 7, 2018; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Opera (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 7, 2018; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arts Education (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 8, 2018; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Theater (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 9, 2018; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Theater (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 9, 2018; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dance (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 13, 2018; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dance (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 13, 2018; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dance (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 14, 2018; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Music (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 14, 2018; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arts Education (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 15, 2018; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Music (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 15, 2018; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Music (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 15, 2018; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Music (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 16, 2018; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Music (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 19, 2018; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Theater (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: November 20, 2018; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dated: October 1, 2018.

Sherry Hale,

Staff Assistant, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Workshop on the Convergence of High Performance Computing, Big Data, and Machine Learning

AGENCY: Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO), National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Workshop.

SUMMARY: This workshop will focus on the R&D challenges of integrating high performance computing (HPC), big data (BD), and machine learning (ML) computing platforms to support the needs of an evolving scientific and technological landscape.

DATES: October 29–30, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Email *hpc-bd-convergence@nitrd.gov* or call Wendy Wigen at (202) 459–9683 or Ji Hyun Lee at (202) 459–9679. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview: This notice is issued by the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO). Agencies of the High End Computing (HEC) and Big Data (BD) Interagency Working Groups are jointly conducting a workshop focused on the convergence of HPC, BD, and ML. Experts from government, private industry, and academia will help discuss the current use cases and the technology, tools and practices that are effective, and identify gaps and issues that will require additional research to resolve. The workshop will take place on October 29 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET and October 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET at the Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. Participation is by invitation only, but observers are welcome on a first come first served basis. Space is limited, but this event