

responsible for administering the program.

In addition to teaching construction skills to youth, YouthBuild is an alternative education program that assists youth who are often significantly behind in basic skills with obtaining a high school diploma or GED credential. The primary target populations for YouthBuild are youth offenders, youth in or aging out of foster care, and out-of-school youth. There are currently over 200 YouthBuild programs operating throughout the United States. YouthBuild grants administered by HUD have funded approximately 120 programs through annual competitions.

In 2003, the *White House Task Force Report on Disadvantaged Youth* recommended that the YouthBuild program be transferred from HUD to DOL for greater consistency of agency mission and other efficiencies. The federal departments agreed and enactment of the YouthBuild Transfer Act represents the successful implementation of that recommendation. DOL will run its first YouthBuild competition for funds appropriated for YouthBuild in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. This grant competition represents the first funding cycle for which DOL assumes full responsibility of the YouthBuild program. Grants awarded prior to FY 2007 will continue to be administered by HUD until the authority to expend the funds has expired. The President's FY 2007 budget request for the YouthBuild program is \$50 million.

In administering the YouthBuild program, DOL expects to: (1) Increase coordination between YouthBuild sites and the workforce investment system; (2) align the program with the Federal Shared Youth Vision<sup>2</sup> which emphasizes strong educational and employment outcomes; and (3) promote the YouthBuild model for other youth programs. In order to ensure that programs are designed to reach these goals, DOL is seeking public input and observations on the YouthBuild program, particularly in the following areas:

1. *Awards:* As we consider the length and amount of YouthBuild awards, we are interested in comments and observations on the optimal length of an award (for example one-year grants v. multi-year funding), the optimal amount of an award, and the minimal amount of funding necessary to sustain a viable local program. As we consider the criteria to be applied to the selection of

YouthBuild grantees, we are interested in comments and observations on the organizational attributes required for operating an effective YouthBuild program, including prior program experience.

2. *Outcomes:* We are interested in comments and observations on ways to ensure that YouthBuild programs meet educational and employment outcomes and on ways to measure those outcomes. Given the outcomes that YouthBuild programs will be required to meet as part of DOL's Common Measures for employment and training programs (gains in literacy and numeracy skills; successful placement in post-secondary education or employment; and diploma and industry recognized certificate attainment), we seek public input into the types of DOL technical assistance that will support programs in improving these educational and career track employment outcomes for YouthBuild participants, and in ways to strengthen the connections that YouthBuild programs make with apprenticeship programs, construction firms, and other high-growth, high-demand jobs. We are interested in comments and observations on methods to support increased placements of YouthBuild participants into apprenticeship programs, construction firms, and other high-growth, high-demand jobs.

3. *Capacity Building:* In the past, through the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993, HUD has awarded a separate set of YouthBuild grants for capacity building. We are interested in learning whether the capacity building grants awarded by HUD helped to strengthen YouthBuild programs. In addition, we are interested in comments and observations on ways that capacity building grants can be used to support shifting YouthBuild programs to diploma granting programs, or adding new career tracks in industries other than construction, and are interested in other ideas for uses of capacity building grants.

4. *Other Comments:* DOL welcomes comments and suggestions on improving any other aspects of the federal YouthBuild program.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6th day of November, 2006.

**Emily Stover DeRocco,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### 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. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Certification by School Official (CM-981). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before January 16, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, Email [bell.hazel@dol.gov](mailto:bell.hazel@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In order to qualify as a dependent that is eligible for black lung benefits, a child aged 18 to 23 must be a full-time student as described in the Black Lung Benefits Act, 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.* and attending regulations 20 CFR 725.209. The CM-981 is partially completed by the appropriate district office so that the school official or registrar's office will know for which student and time period the information is being requested and is also used to verify the full-time student status. This information collection is currently approved for use through May 31, 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Information on the Federal Shared Youth Vision is available at <http://www.doleta.gov/ryf/WhiteHouseReport/VMO.cfm>.

## 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. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks approval for the extension of this information collection in order to determine the continued eligibility of the student.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Certification by School Official.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0061.

*Agency Number:* CM-981.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Total Respondents:* 400.

*Total Responses:* 400.

*Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 67.

*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 Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

**Hazel Bell,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### 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. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Claim for Compensation by Dependents Information Reports (CA-5, CA-5b, CA-1031, CA-1074, Letter of Compensation Due at Death and Letter of Student/Dependency). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before January 16, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, Email [bell.hazel@dol.gov](mailto:bell.hazel@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The forms included in this package are forms used by Federal employees and their dependents to claim benefits, to prove continued eligibility for benefits, to show entitlement to remaining compensation payments of a deceased employee and to show dependency under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. There are six forms in this information collection request. The information collected by Forms CA-5, is used by dependents for claiming compensation for the work related death of a Federal

Employee and CA-5b is used by other survivors. Form CA-1032501 is used in disability cases and provides information to determine whether a claimant is actually supporting a dependent and is entitled to additional compensation. Form CA-1074 is a follow up to CA-5b to request clarification of any information that is unclear and incomplete in the CA-5b. The letter of "Compensation Due at Death" is used to request information necessary to distribute compensation due when an employee dies who was receiving or who was entitled to compensation at the time of death for either disability benefits or a scheduled award. The letter of "Student/Dependency" is used to obtain information regarding the student status of a dependent. When a child reaches 18 years of age, they are no longer considered an eligible dependent unless they are a full time student or incapable of self-support. This information collection is currently approved for use through May 31, 2007.

## 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. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to meet the statutory requirements of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. The information contained in these forms is used by the Division of Federal Employees Compensation to determine entitlement to benefits under the Act, to verify dependent status, and to initiate,