

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 extension collection of Form LS-1, Request For Examination and/or Treatment.

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before September 4, 1996. 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.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Rich Elman, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-6375 (this is not a toll-free number), fax 202-219-6592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment area customarily used by an employee in loading, unloading,

repairing or building a vessel. Under Section 702.419 of the Act the employer/insurance carrier is responsible for furnishing medical care for the injured employee for such period of time as the injury or recovery period may require. Form LS-1 serves two purposes: it authorizes the medical care and provides a vehicle for the treating physician to report the findings, treatment given, and anticipated physical condition of the employee.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks extension approval to collect this information to carry out its responsibility to verify that proper medical treatment has been authorized and to determine the severity of a claimant's injuries and entitlement to compensation benefits which an employer is responsible by law to provide if a claimant is medically unable to work as a result of a work-related injury. If the information were not collected, verification of authorized medical care and entitlement to compensation benefits would not be possible.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Request For Examination and/or Treatment, LS-1.

OMB Number: 1215-0066.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 16,500.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 132,000 (average of 8 per respondent).

Average Time Per Response for Reporting: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 142,560.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$46,000.

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.

Dated: June 21, 1996.

Cecily A. Rayburn,
*Director, Division of Financial Management,
Office of Management, Administration and
Planning, Employment Standards
Administration.*

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NACOSH HazCom Workgroup Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a workgroup of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH), established under section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656) to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the Act, will meet on July 23 in N4437 B-D in the Department of Labor Building located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. If necessary, the meeting will be continued on July 24 in the same location. This meeting, which is open to the public, will run from 10:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm the first day and, if necessary, from 8:30 am to no longer than 3:00 pm the second day.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) asked NACOSH to form a workgroup to identify ways to improve chemical hazard communication and the right-to-know in the workplace. OSHA asked the Committee to provide OSHA with recommendations related to simplification of material safety data sheets, reducing the amount of required paperwork, improving the effectiveness of worker training, and revising enforcement policies so that they focus on the most serious hazards.

It is intended that this will be the final meeting of this workgroup. The entire meeting will be devoted to review and finalization of the content of its report and recommendations. This will involve making any necessary changes and obtaining concurrences of workgroup members. This report will then be transmitted to the full National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health for its action and submission to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Written data, views or comments for consideration by the workgroup may be submitted, preferably with 20 copies, to Joanne Goodell at the address provided below. Any such submissions will be provided to the members of the Workgroup and will be included in the record of the meeting. However, at this point they will not have any impact on the report. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Tom Hall (202-219-8615) a week before the meeting.

For additional information contact: Joanne Goodell, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3641, 200

Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20210, telephone (202) 219-8021, extension 107.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 21st day of June, 1996.

Joseph A. Dear,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Institute for Literacy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq) this notice announces an Information Collection Request (ICR) by the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL). The ICR includes the full text of the ICR in order to facilitate respondents evaluating the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. This is not a solicitation for applicants; it is an early notification of the types of information that the NIFL intends to collect. The ICR document is currently under review at OMB, and may be modified in response to that review.

DATES: Comments must be submitted July 29, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sondra Stein at (202) 632-1508 or e-mail: sstein@nifl.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Adult Learning System Reform and Improvement Grant: Stage II Collaborative Development of Equipped for the Future (EFF) Adult Literacy Standards cooperative agreements.

Abstract: The National Literacy Act of 1991 established the National Institute for Literacy and required that the Institute conduct basic and applied research and demonstrations on literacy, collect and disseminate information of Federal, State and local entities with respect to literacy; and improve and expand the system for delivery of literacy services. This form will be used by individual public and private nonprofit organizations and agencies that represent key literacy consumer, practitioner, provider, administrator, and funded constituencies; and consortia of such organizations and agencies operating at a state, regional (multi-state), or national level. These individuals and organizations may apply for funding to continue development of the framework for

voluntary adult literacy standards currently being developed by the NIFL. Equipped for the Future grantees. Evaluations to determine successful applications will be made using the published criteria. The Institute will use this information to make a maximum of three cooperative agreement awards for a period of up to 3 years.

Burden Statement: The burden for this collection of information is estimated at 80 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, complete the form, and review the collection of information.

Respondents: Individual public and private non-profit organizations and agencies that represent key literacy consumer, practitioner, provider, administrator, and funded constituencies; and consortia of such organizations and agencies operating at a state, regional (multi-state), or national level.

Estimated number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 800.

Frequency of Collection: One time. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: Sondra Stein, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Docket Library, Room 10102, 726 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Draft Solicitation of Grant Applications

Title: Application for Adult Literacy System Reform and Improvement Grant: Collaborative Development of Equipped for the Future Adult Literacy Standards.

Agency: The National Institute for Literacy.

Action: Notice.

Summary: The National Institute for Literacy invites applications for grants to support standards development and consensus-building. These grants are the third phase of a four-phased initiative whose ultimate goal is to reform and improve America's adult learning systems in order to enhance progress toward National Education Goal 6. This goal will be achieved through the development of voluntary content standards that communicate a new vision for what adults need to know and be able to do in their roles as citizens, worker, and parent/family member and the building of consensus about these

standards among key constituencies at the grassroots, state, and national levels.

Date: Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m., September 6, 1996.

Note to Applicants: This notice is a complete application package. Together with the NIFL Equipped for the Future Orientation Package, and the statute authorizing the program and applicable regulations governing the program, including the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), this notice contains all the information, application forms, regulations and instructions needed to apply for a grant under this competition.

For Further Information Contact:

Sandra Stein, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 TEL: 202-632-1508; Fax 202-632-1512.

Supplementary Information

Definitions: For purposes of this notice, the following definitions apply:

"Literacy" is an individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English, and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals and develop one's knowledge and potential (as stated in the National Literacy Act of 1991).

"Adult Literacy System" means all individuals, programs, and organizations that are involved, directly and indirectly, in the delivery of literacy and basic skills services to adults. This includes, but is not limited to, people and groups involved in literacy policymaking, research and development, technical assistance, and service delivery.

"Adult Roles" mean the following three major arenas of adult life and the obligations that pertain to each:

- Parent/family member.
- Citizen.
- Worker.

"Constituencies" are national, state or local organizations (in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors) that have a stake in developing standards for the relevant role because the quality of role performance impacts their organization's achievement of its goals/mission.

"Consensus-building" includes the development of a convincing public argument for the use of "Equipped for the Future" standards by key constituencies and the conscious, ongoing effort to expand the number of individuals from key constituencies involved in standards development use, marketing and dissemination and to leverage key segments of the workforce development system to use the standards at the national, state and local levels.