

DEPARTMENT OF THE LABOR**Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

April 8, 1998.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Todd R. Owen ((202) 219-5096 ext. 143) or by E-mail to Owen-Todd@dol.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 219-4720 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday-Friday.

Comment should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Claim for Reimbursement—Assisted Reemployment.

OMB Number: 1215-0178 (Extension).

Form Number: CA-2231.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal

Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 180.

Total Responses: 720.

Estimated Time per Respondent: .5 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 360.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: -0-.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$234.40.

Description: The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). The Act provides vocational rehabilitation services to eligible injured Federal employees which are paid from the Employees' Compensation Fund. Authority has been granted to provide amounts from the fund to reimburse the employer for a portion of the salary of reemployed disabled Federal workers. The information collected on the Form CA-2231 is used to facilitate prompt reimbursement to certain employers who employ such workers.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Records to be Kept by Employers (Fair Labor Standards Act).

OMB Number: 1215-0017 (extension).

Frequency: Weekly.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; farms; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3.7 million.

Total Responses: 3.7 million.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 819,231.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) sets minimum wage, overtime pay, child labor and record keeping standards for employees engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for interstate commerce and to employees in certain enterprises. The Fair Labor Standards Act requires that all employers covered by the Act make, keep and preserve records of employees and of wages, hours and other conditions and practices of employment.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Certification by School Official (Black Lung Benefits Act).

OMB Number: 1215-0061 (extension).

Form Number: CM-981.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Total Responses: 1,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 167 hours.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: In order to be a dependent who 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. 902 (g) and 20 CFR 725.209 or 20 CFR 410.370. The CM-981 is completed by a school official to verify whether a beneficiary's dependent, aged 18 to 23 qualifies as a full-time student.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Transportation Requirements; Subject to Department of Labor Safety Standards.

OMB Number: 1215-0036 (extension).

Form Number: WH-514 and WH-514a.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,050.

Total Response: 3,150.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 2,363.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: Section 401 of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA) requires that farm labor contractors, agricultural employers, or agricultural associations who use any vehicle to transport a migrant or seasonal agricultural worker, ensure that such a vehicle conforms to vehicle safety standards prescribed by MSPA and other applicable Federal and State safety standards. The use of forms WH-514 and the 514a enable an applicant to verify to the Department of Labor or the appropriate State agency that the vehicles used to transport such workers meet these safety standards. The WH-514 is used to verify that Department of Transportation safety standards are met for all vehicles other than passenger automobiles or station wagons and the WH-514a is used to

verify that Department of Labor safety standards are met for all vehicles including passenger automobiles or station wagons.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Respiratory Protection (29 CFR 1910.134).

OMB Number: 1218-0099 (revision).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 1,300,000.

Total Response: 15,642,571.

Estimated Time per Respondent:

Response time ranges from five minutes to maintain a record to eight hours for new employers to develop a written respiratory protection program.

Total Burden Hours: 8,926,558 (1st year); 5,643,712 (2nd year).

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$179,850,680.

Description: The final Respiratory Protection standard is an occupational health standard that will minimize occupational exposure to toxic substances. The standard's information collection requirements are essential components that will protect employees from occupational exposure to these toxins. The information will be used by employers and employees to implement the protection required by the standard. OSHA will use some of the information to determine compliance with the standard.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Portable Fire Extinguishers (29 CFR 1910.157(e)(3))—Annual Maintenance Certification Record.

OMB Number: 1218-ONEW.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; farms; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 127,500.

Total Response: 127,500.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 63,750.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$9,180,000.

Description: The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes the promulgation of such health and safety standards as necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment. The statute specifically

authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents. The inspection certification record required in 29 CFR 1910.157(e)(3) is necessary to assure compliance with the inspection requirements for portable fire extinguishers. It is intended to assure that portable fire extinguishers have an annual maintenance check.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Student Data Form.

OMB Number: 1218-0172

(reinstatement without change).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 5,500.

Total Responses: 5,500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 463 hours.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: Information collected on the Student Data Form identifies whom the student want contacted in case of an emergency and student group information for record keeping, reporting and the collection of tuition from private sector students.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; U.S. National Administrative Office; National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; Notice of One Open Meeting by Teleconference

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting by teleconference on April 15, 1998.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 94-463), the U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) gives notice of one meeting of the National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC), which was established by the Secretary of Labor. The meeting will take place on April 15, 1998. Due to scheduling difficulties and the need for immediate action, we are unable to give the full 15 days advance notice for the April 15, 1998 meeting.

The Committee was established to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Labor on matters pertaining to the implementation and further elaboration of the NAALC, the labor side accord to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The Committee is authorized under Article 17 of the NAALC. The Committee consists of 12 independent representatives drawn from among labor organizations, business and industry, and educational institutions.

DATES: The Committee will meet on April 15, 1998. The meeting will be by teleconference.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Room C-5515 (Executive Conference Room), Washington, D.C. 20210. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irasema Garza, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. NAO, U.S. Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-4327, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone 202-501-6653 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1994 (59 FR 64713) for supplementary information.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on April 10, 1998.

Irasema T. Garza,

Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Delegation of Authority; Office of the Chief Financial Officer

On March 26, 1998, I issued a memorandum confirming the current delegation (Secretary's Order 01-97, dated January 10, 1997 and published on February 3, 1997 at 62 FR 5047) of the authority of the Secretary of Labor to the Chief Financial Officer to waive claims arising out of erroneous payments of pay or allowances, or arising out of erroneous payments of travel, transportation or relocation expenses and allowances.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth M. Bresnahan, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief