

collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until November 30, 1998.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Ashton E. Flemmings, 202-307-0635, Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20531. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of information collection:* Reinstatement, with changes, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Claim for Death Benefits.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form number is 3650/5, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Federal, State and Local agencies. This data collection will gather information to determine the eligibility of Claim for Death Benefits.

Other: National public membership organizations.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* It is estimated that 320

respondents will complete a 1.2 hour nomination form.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total hour burden to complete the nominations is 384 the annual burden hours. If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20530, or via facsimile at (202) 514-1534.

Dated: September 23, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Women's Bureau; 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 pre-clearance 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 Women's Bureau is soliciting comments concerning the revision of the collection of the Business-to-Business Mentoring Initiative on Child Care.

On August, 1998, The Women's Bureau utilized emergency review procedures to obtain the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance for the information collection request for the Business-to-Business Mentoring Initiative on Child Care. On August 21, 1998, OMB approved this initiative, under OMB Control Number 1225-0074, with an expiration date of February 28, 1998.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before (November 30, 1998). 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: Arline Easley, Women's Bureau, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-3311, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-6601 x136 (this is not a toll-free number), Fax (202) 219-5529, easley-arline@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

At a White House Child Care ceremony in April, 1998, President Clinton launched the U.S. Department of Labor's Business-to-Business Mentoring Initiative on Child Care. The Women's Bureau will reach out to businesses with effective child care programs and connect them with other employers considering child care options for their workers. Employers acting as mentors to other employers will provide help in developing strategies for collaborating with other businesses to pool resources and to develop innovative child care supports. This initiative will help employers in launching effective programs and will help avoid pitfalls and control costs.

II. Current Actions

We are proposing that the Women's Bureau work with the National Employers Council (NEC), the Small Business Administration (SBA), the U.S. Department of Commerce, and other organizations to encourage employers to volunteer to be mentors to other employers in setting up innovative child care benefits, as well as to encourage other employers to seek a mentor to help with these benefits. Explanations of the Mentoring Initiative and sign-up forms for mentors and mentees will be distributed through the organizations

noted above as well as the Women's Bureau Internet Home Page. A report of the activities of the Initiative will be prepared from summary activities reports prepared by the employers and presented to the President, tentatively, in April 1999.

Agency: US Department of Labor, Women's Bureau.

Title: Business-to-Business Mentoring Initiative on Child Care.

OMB Number: 1225-0077 (revision).

Affected Public: 1000 employers.

Total Respondents: 1000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 2000.

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Burden Hours: 500 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$2,110.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.00.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: September 24, 1998.

Collis Phillips,

Chief, Office of Policy and Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 24, 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.

Comments should be sent to the 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
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Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories 29 CFR 1910.1450.

OMB Number: 1218-0131 (extension).

Agency Number: None.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Number of Respondents: 34,214.

Total Responses: 306,909.

Estimated Time per Respondent: Ranges from 5 minutes to make records available to 1.75 hours for an employee to have a consultation and medical exam.

Total Burden Hours: 107,842.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$10,568,950.

Description: The Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories standard and its information collection requirements provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories. The Standard requires that employers establish a Chemical Hygiene Plan, including exposure monitoring and medical records. These records are used by employees, physicians, employers and OSHA to determine the effectiveness of the employers' compliance efforts. Also the standard requires that OSHA have access to various records to ensure that employers are complying with the disclosure provisions.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Commercial Diving Operations (29 CFR 1910, Subpart T).

OMB Number: 1218-0069 (extension).

Agency Number: None.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 91,326.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

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

Description: In 29 CFR part 1910, Subpart T, Commercial Diving Operations, the information to be collected is designed to minimize the possibility of a commercial diver being injured or killed (e.g., by gas embolism, decompression sickness) due to poor planning. Without the records required in the standard, necessary safeguards that have proven extremely effective in protecting commercial divers against inherent and obvious hazards underwater would be removed, and as a result, the fatality and injury/illness rate for this industry could rise. Consequences of accidents in diving can be severe due to the environment in which divers work.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Walking-Working Surfaces (29 CFR 1910.21-.30).

OMB Number: 1218-0199 (extension).

Agency Number: None.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 60,500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies from 3 minutes to 20 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 33,837.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

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

Description: The information collected in the Walking-Working Surfaces standard is used by employers and employees to be aware of load limits of the floors of newly constructed buildings, the location of permanent aisles and passageways in these buildings, and defective portable metal ladders. Once the floor loading signs are posted, there is no need to change them unless structural conditions change or if the signs become lost, removed or defaced. Once a portal metal ladder is marked as defective, it must be removed from service and either repaired or