

national policy to bring adults with disabilities into gainful employment at a rate that is as close as possible to that of the general adult population." The purpose of this Town Hall Meeting is to invite stakeholders to address the alarming unemployment rate among Americans with disabilities. Particular focus is requested at this meeting on expanding employment opportunities for people with the most significant disabilities, including strategies for increasing choice and community based employment, use of technology, and business/entrepreneurial development.

Appointed by President Clinton, the membership of the Task Force is as follows: Secretary of Labor; Chair of the Task Force; Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; Vice Chair of the Task Force; Secretary of Education; Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Secretary of Health and Human Services; Commissioner of the Social Security Administration; Secretary of the Treasury; Secretary of Commerce; Secretary of Transportation; Director of the Office of Personnel Management; Administrator of the Small Business Administration; Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission; Chair of the National Council on Disability; and such other senior executive branch officials as may be determined by the Chair of the Task Force.

Agenda

The Town Hall Meeting is an open forum where the public is invited to give testimony and/or make presentations with a focus on expanding employment opportunities for people with the most significant disabilities, including strategies for increasing choice and community based employment.

Public Participation:

Members of the public wishing to present an oral statement to the Task Force should forward their requests as soon as possible but no later than November 24, 1999. Requests may be made by telephone, fax machine, or mail. Time permitting, the members of the Task Force will attempt to accommodate all requests by reserving time for presentations. The order of persons making such presentations will be assigned in the order in which the requests are received. Members of the public must limit oral statements to five minutes, but extended written statements may be submitted for the record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for

distribution to the Task Force members and inclusion in the public record without presenting oral statements. Such written statements should be sent by mail or fax machine no later than November 24, 1999.

Minutes of all Town Hall Meetings and summaries of other documents will be available to the public on the Task Force's web site www.dol.gov.

Reasonable accommodations will be available. Persons needing any special assistance such as sign language interpretation, or other special accommodation, are invited to contact the Task Force as shown above.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of November, 1999.

Rebecca L. Ogle,

Executive Director,

Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities.

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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 extension collections of: (1) Notice of Final Payment or Suspension of Compensation Benefits (Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act); and (2) Work Experience and Career Exploration Programs, Regulations 29 CFR Part 570.35a (Fair Labor Standards Act). A copy of the proposed information collection requests 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 January 18, 2000.

ADDRESSEE: Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U. S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 693-1451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Final Payment or Suspension of Compensation Benefits

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employee in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Under Section 14(g) of the Act, the employer or its insurance carrier must file a report of the compensation paid to a claimant at the time final payment is made. Filing of the report is mandatory and failure to do so is subject to a civil penalty. This form is used to notify OWCP that payment of compensation benefits has been stopped or suspended in a case.

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 the extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to manage the case file and verify that the injured worker has received all benefits that he/she is entitled to receive under the Act.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Notice of Final Payment or Suspension of Compensation Benefits.

OMB Number: 1215-0024.

Agency Number: LS-208.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 500.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 19,350.

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,838.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$10,070.

Work Experience and Career Exploration Program (WECEP)

I. Background

Section (3)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) establishes a minimum age of 16 for most nonagricultural employment, but allows the employment of 14 and 15 year olds in occupations other than manufacturing and mining if the Secretary of Labor determines such employment is confined to periods which will not interfere with their schooling and to conditions which will not interfere with their health and well-being. Subpart C of Regulations, 29 CFR Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Orders and Statements of Interpretation, sets forth the employment standards for 14 and 15 year olds (Child Labor Reg. 3). Section 570.35a of these regulations permits employment of 14 and 15 year olds under conditions otherwise prohibited by child Labor Reg. 3 pursuant to a school-supervised and school-administered Work Experience and Career Exploration Program (WECEP) which meets the stated requirements. In order to utilize the WECEP provisions of Child Labor Reg. 3, section 570.35 of the regulations require a State Educational Agency to file an application for approval of a State WECEP program as one not interfering with schooling or with the health and well-being of the minors involved and therefore not constituting oppressive child labor. Section 570.35a(b)(3)(vi) of the regulations requires each student participating in a WECEP to execute a written training agreement signed by the teacher-coordinator, the employer and the student and signed or otherwise consented to by the student's parent or guardian.

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

State educational agencies are required to file applications for approval of WECEP which provide exceptions to the child labor regulations issued under the Fair Labor Standards Act. State educational agencies are also required to maintain certain records with respect to approved WECEP programs. The Department of Labor seeks the extension of the collection of information in order to carry out its responsibility to determine that regulatory tests for approval of the program have been met, and to document the validity of the WECEP program as one which is structured to provide training for the student.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Work Experience and Career Exploration Programs (WECEP), 29 CFR Part 570.35A.

OMB Number: 1215-0121.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government, Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 14,014.

Frequency: Recordkeeping; Biennial Reporting.

Total Responses: 14,0140.

Average Time per Response

Reporting, WECEP Application—2 hours.

Reporting, Written Training Agreement—1 hour.

Recordkeeping, WECEP Program Information,—1 hour.

Recordkeeping, Filing of WECEP Record and Training Agreement—1/2 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: 7,145 hours.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$2.52.

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: November 9, 1999.

Margaret J. Sherrill

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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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request extension of two currently approved information collections. The first one is used by participants in training courses and workshops that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) conducts. NARA needs the information to assess customer satisfaction with course content and delivery and to ensure that the training meets the customer's needs. The second one is for submitting requests for copies of pages of Federal land entry case files that are in the National Archives of the United States. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 18, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 3200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-6913; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@arch2.nara.gov.