

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

November 22, 1999.

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. To obtain documentation, contact Darrin King at (202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov.

Comments 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: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

Title: Certification Records for Slings.

OMB Number: 1218-0223.

Frequency: Varies (On occasion, Annually).

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

Number of Respondents: 155,675.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies (3 minutes (0.05 hour) to 15 minutes (0.25 hour)).

Total Burden Hours: 21,435.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The standard on Slings (29 CFR 1910.184) requires employers to generate and maintain records regarding the inspection of alloy steel chain slings, and to obtain and retain certificates showing that the equipment manufacturer (or equivalent entity) proof tested new, repaired, or reconditioned alloy steel chain slings, wire rope slings that have welded end attachments, and repaired synthetic web slings. The standard also requires that employers affix a durable marking to metal mesh slings stating the rated capacity for the vertical basket hitch and choker hitch loadings; repaired metal mesh slings must indicate the date and type of repair, as well as the person or organization performing the repair, using permanent marking or tagging, or by maintaining a written record.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

Title: Telecommunications, Training Certification.

OMB Number: 1218-0225.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Number of Respondents: 107,138.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies from 2 minutes (0.03 hour) to 4 minutes (0.07 hour).

Total Burden Hours: 7,487.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

Description: The information collection requirements (training certification records) contained in the standard on Telecommunications (29 CFR 1910.268(c)) are to ensure that employers properly train their employees in the various precautions and safe practices in the work performed at telecommunications centers and at telecommunications field installations.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Public Meeting; Federal Committee on
Registered Apprenticeship**

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Committee (Pub. Laws 92-4613; 5 U.S.C. APP. 1), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Federal Committee on Registered Apprenticeship (FCRA).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 and continue until approximately 5:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 1999, and continue until approximately 5:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 10, 1999, and adjourn at 12:00 noon.

Place: The Congressional Room of the Holiday Inn, Washington, DC on the Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Anthony Swoope, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-4649, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Telephone: (202) 219-5921 (this is not a toll-free number).

Matters to be Considered.

The agenda will focus on the following topics: (1) the reestablishment of the FCRA (2) Advisory Committee Act Procedures/Ethics (3) overview of the Registered Apprenticeship System (4) current status of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) (5) current status of the WIA implementation efforts (6) implementation of School-to-Work Opportunities Act (7) formation of FCRA Work Groups (8) NASTAD report (9) NAGLO REPORT (10) Child Care Program report (11) election of FCRA Vice Chairs.

Status

Members of the public are invited to attend the proceedings. Individuals with disabilities should contact Marion Winters at (202) 219-5921 no later than December 3, 1999, if special accommodations are needed.

Any member of the public who wishes to file written data or comments pertaining to the agenda may do so by sending it to Mr. Anthony Swoope, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship

Training, Employer and Labor Services, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room-N4649, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Such submittals should be sent by December 3, 1999 to be included in the record for the meeting.

Any member of the public who wishes to speak at the meeting should indicate the nature of the intended presentation and the amount of time needed by furnishing a written statement to the Designated Federal Official by December 3. The Chairperson will announce at the beginning of the meeting the extent to which time will permit the granting of such requests.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of November 1999.

Raymond L. Bramucci,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Partnerships Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a teleconference meeting of the Partnerships Advisory Panel, Regional Partnership Agreements section, to the National Council on the Arts will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on December 13, 1999 in Room 726 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 12, 1999, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Survey of Nonparticipating Single Premium Group Annuity Rates

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information (OMB control number 1212-0030; expires December 31, 1999). This voluntary collection of information is a quarterly survey of insurance company rates for pricing annuity contracts. The survey is conducted by the American Council of Life Insurance for the PBGC. This notice informs the public of the PBGC's request and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by December 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the request for extension (including the collection of information) may be obtained from the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah C. Murphy, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY and TDD, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4024).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulations prescribe actuarial valuation methods and assumptions (including interest rate assumptions) to be used in determining the actuarial present value

of benefits under single-employer plans that terminate (29 CFR Part 4044) and under multiemployer plans that undergo a mass withdrawal of contributing employers (29 CFR Part 4281). Each month the PBGC publishes the interest rates to be used under those regulations for plans terminating or undergoing mass withdrawal during the next month.

The interest rates are intended to reflect current conditions in the investment and annuity markets. To determine these interest rates, the PBGC gathers pricing data from insurance companies that are providing annuity contracts to terminating pension plans through a quarterly "Survey of Nonparticipating Single Premium Group Annuity Rates." The survey is distributed by the American Council of Life Insurance and provides the PBGC with "blind" data (i.e., is conducted in such a way that the PBGC is unable to match responses with the companies that submitted them).

The survey is directed at insurance companies that have volunteered to participate, most or all of which are members of the American Council of Life Insurance. The survey is conducted quarterly and will be sent to approximately 12 insurance companies. Based on experience under the current approval, the PBGC estimates that 8 insurance companies will complete and return the survey. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 32 hours and \$48.

The collection of information has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0030 through December 31, 1999. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 24th day of November, 1999.

Stuart Sirkin,

Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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