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other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**III. Current Action**

The IPP continues to modernize data collection and processing to permit more timely release of its indexes, and to reduce reporter burden. The IPP is testing initiation techniques to reduce burden such as less frequent sampling of more stable item areas, use of broader item areas in certain cases, and retention of items initiated in previous samples that reporters still trade. In order to reduce the time required for processing new items, direct entry of initiation data from the field was recently implemented. The IPP is testing the application of new technology to

repricing and the use of fax telephone lines to permit direct collection and entry into the BLS reporters' repricing database. The IPP also is considering use of the Internet for monthly repricing.

*Type of Review:* Revision.  
*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* International Price Program/U.S. Export Price Indexes.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-0025.  
*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.  
*Total Respondents:* (FY 2000) 4,935.  
*Frequency:* Quarterly/Monthly.  
*Total Responses:* (FY 2001) 40,240.  
*Average Time Per Response:* 34.86 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* (FY 2001) 23,379 hours.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Initiation visit (includes form 4008) .....	2,700	Annually .....	1,700	1.00	1,700
Form 3007D .....	3,235	Montly, Quarterly ...	38,540	.5625	21,679
Totals .....	4,935	.....	40,240	.....	23,379

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of April 2000.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Bureau of Labor Statistics**

**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 programs to provide the general public and Federal agencies 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed in the Addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before June 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Sytrina D. Toon, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sytrina D. Toon, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See Addresses section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 24(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 requires

the Secretary of Labor to develop and maintain an effective program of collection, compilation, and analysis of statistics on occupational injuries and illnesses. The Commissioner of Labor Statistics has been delegated the responsibility for "Furthering the purpose of the Occupational Safety and Health Act by developing and maintaining an effective program of collection, compilation, analysis and publication of occupational safety and health statistics." The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) fulfills this responsibility, in part, by conducting the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses in conjunction with participating State agencies. The BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses provides the nations's primary indicator of the progress towards achieving the goal of safer and healthier workplaces. The survey produces the overall rate of occurrence of work injuries and illnesses by industry, which can be compared to prior years to produce measures of the rate of change. These data are used to improve safety and health programs and measure the change in work-related injuries and illnesses.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments which:

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- 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 Action**

OMB clearance is being sought for the upcoming Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. Approximately 230,000 establishments will be surveyed

annually. The clearance will include survey prenotification materials for employers who normally are exempt from the requirement to record injuries and illnesses.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0045.

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

*Frequency:* Annually.

Form	Total respondents	Total responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
BLS 9300 .....	230,000	230,000	.71	163,125
Prenotification Package .....	150,000 out of 230,000	150,000 out of 230,000	.11	16,666
Totals .....	230,000	230,000	.78	179,791

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of April 2000.

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congressionally appropriated funds and the date, terms and conditions of their availability for calendar year 2001 have not been determined.

**DATES:** See Supplementary Information section for grants competition dates.

**ADDRESSES:** Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, 750 First Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002-4250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Office of Program Performance, Competitive Grants—Service Desk at (202) 336-8900, by FAX at (202) 336-7272, by e-mail at [competition@lsc.gov](mailto:competition@lsc.gov), or visit the LSC web site at [www.ain.lsc.gov](http://www.ain.lsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available April 24, 2000. The due dates for the Notice of Intent to Compete and Grant Proposals follow.

Applicants competing for service areas in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Washington, Wisconsin, or Wyoming must submit the notice of intent to compete by June 2, 2000, 5:00 p.m. EDT. Grant proposals for service areas in these states must be submitted by June 19, 2000, 5:00 p.m. EDT.

Applicants competing for service areas in California, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or West Virginia must submit the notice of intent to compete by June 30, 2000, 5:00 p.m. EDT. Grant proposals for service areas in these states must be submitted by July 17, 2000, 5:00 p.m. EDT.

LSC is seeking proposals from: (1) Non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients; (2) private attorneys; (3) groups of private attorneys or law firms; (4) State or local governments; and (5) substate regional planning and coordination agencies which are composed of substate areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

The RFP, containing the grant application, guidelines, proposal content requirements and specific selection criteria, is available from the LSC web site at [www.ain.lsc.gov](http://www.ain.lsc.gov). LSC will not FAX the solicitation package to interested parties.

Below are the service areas for which LSC is requesting grant proposals. Service area descriptions are available from Appendix A of the RFP. The RFP will be available April 24, 2000, at [www.ain.lsc.gov](http://www.ain.lsc.gov).

State	Service area
Alabama .....	MAL
Arizona .....	MAZ
Arkansas .....	MAR

**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

**Notice of Availability of Calendar Year 2001 Competitive Grant Funds**

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for Proposals for the Provision of Civil Legal Services.

**SUMMARY:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC or Corporation) is the national organization charged with administering federal funds provided for civil legal services to the poor.

The Corporation hereby announces the availability of competitive grant funds and is soliciting grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient and high quality civil legal services to eligible clients in the states and territories, by service area(s) identified below. The exact amount of