

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Office of the Secretary****Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Department of Labor**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Department of Labor are available in final form on the DOL web site <http://www.dol.gov/informationquality.htm>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Information correction requests and appeals can be submitted to DOL by communicating with one of the following components: (1) Agency Point of Contact (POC) provided on the DOL web site; (2) agency specific web sites (*i.e.*, OSHA.gov); or (3) Mr. Ira L. Mills, Information Technology Center, Room N-1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, fax (202) 693-4228, e-mail mail to: Mills-Ira@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ira Mills, Information Technology Center, telephone (202) 693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 22, 2002, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 8452-8460) Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies; Notice; Republication. The guidelines state that each agency must prepare a draft report, no later than May 1, 2002 (as amended, **Federal Register** Notice, 67 FR 9797, March 4, 2002), and a final report, no later than October 1, 2002, providing the agency's information quality guidelines and explaining how such guidelines will ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information including statistical information disseminated by the agency. These reports must also detail the administrative mechanisms developed by that agency to allow affected persons to seek and obtain appropriate correction of information maintained and disseminated by the agency that does not comply with the OMB or the agency guidelines. Each agency must publish a notice of availability of the

draft and final reports in the **Federal Register**, and post the reports on the agency's website. On May 1, 2002, the DOL published a **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 21776-21777), posted the draft Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Department of Labor on the DOL website, and provided the public with a 30-day opportunity to comment period. On June 6, 2002, the Department published a 30-day public comment extension notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 39050). The DOL has now posted the final Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Department of Labor on the DOL website as referenced above in the Summary section of this notice.

Signed at Washington, DC this 24th day of September 2002.

Patrick Pizzella,

Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Chief Information Officer.

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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 collection: Request to be Selected as Payee (CM-910). A copy of the proposed information collection request 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 December 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339, fax (202) 693-1451, e-mail pforkel@fenix2.dol-esa.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Benefits are payable by the Department of Labor to coal miners who are totally disabled due to pneumoconiosis and to certain of the miner's survivors under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended (U.S.C. 901). If a beneficiary is incapable of handling their affairs, the person or institution responsible for their care is required to apply to receive the benefits on the beneficiary's behalf. The CM-910 is the form completed by representative payee applicants. Regulations 20 CFR 725.504-513 require the collection of this information. This information collection is currently approved for use through February 28, 2003.

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 evaluate an applicant's ability to be a representative payee and to determine that the beneficiary's best

interests would be served by approving such payee. There is no change in this form or method of collection since the last OMB clearance.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Request to be Selected as Payee.

OMB Number: 1215-0166.

Agency Number: CM-910.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 2,000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 2,000.

Average Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 667.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$800.

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: September 24, 2002.

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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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2002, and Friday, October 11, 2002, at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on October 10, and at 9 a.m. on October 11.

Topics for discussion include: Medicare spending compared to other health spending indicators; monitoring beneficiary access to care; characteristics of long-term care hospitals and workplan; characteristics of hospitals by Medicare financial performance, new developments in Medicare+Choice; county level variation in Medicare per capita spending;

coverage and payment for new technologies; current issues in skilled nursing facility payment policy; introduction to the post-acute care episode database; and using incentives to improve the quality of care for beneficiaries.

Agendas will be mailed on October 2, 2002. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's Web site (www.MedPAC.gov).

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Suite 9000, Washington, DC 20001. The telephone number is (202) 220-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 220-3700.

Lu Zawistowich,

Acting Executive Director.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Notice of Partially Closed Meeting; Correction

AGENCY: National Institute for Literacy (NIFL).

ACTION: Notice of meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: For the notice published in the **Federal Register** dated September 25, 2002, 67 FR 60260, make the following corrections:

On page 60260, under **ADDRESSES** the location of the Advisory Board Meeting has changed to: US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Secretary of Education's Conference Room 7W10, Washington, DC 20202. On page 60260, under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, please contact Rebecca Haynes at 202-205-5119 in order to be escorted in the U.S. Department of Education building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shelly Coles, Executive Assistant, National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW., Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone number (202) 233-2027, e-mail scoles@nifl.gov.

Dated: September 26, 2002.

Sharyn M. Abbott,

Executive Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-

463, as amended) the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and Committee Code: Proposal Review Panel Engineering (#1170).

Date and Time: October 17, 2002, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; October 18, 2002, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Stafford II, Room 555.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Elbert L. Marsh, Deputy Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation, Suite 505, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 292-4609. If you are attending the meeting and need access to the NSF building, please contact Maxine Byrd at 703-292-4601 or at mbyrd@nsf.gov so that your name can be added to the building access list.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to Engineering programs and activities.

Agenda: The principal focus of the forthcoming meeting will be on strategic issues, both for the Directorate and the Foundation as a whole. The Committee will also address matters relating to the future of the engineering profession, and engineering education.

Dated: September 24, 2002.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (9487).

Dates: October 16, 2002, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and October 17, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Margaret Cavanaugh, Office of the Director, National Science Foundation, Suite 1205, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Virginia 22230, Phone 703-292-8002.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.