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Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

December 13, 2005.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) 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 this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Ira Mills on 202-693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number) or E-mail: Mills.Ira@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll free number), 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: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Title: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Information and Reporting System.

OMB Number: 1205-0420.

Frequency: Quarterly and Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping; Reporting.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Annual Responses: 265.

Average Response time: 1,040 hours per State.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 709,145.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup

Costs: \$1,791.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$23,047.

Description: Respondents are State governments. Selected standardized information pertaining to participants in WIA Title IB programs will be collected and reported for the purposes of general program oversight, evaluation and performance assessment.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer/Team Leader.

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Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employment Standards Administration (ESA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

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

OMB Number: 1215-0024.

Form Number: LS-208.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Reporting.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Annual Responses: 22,722.

Average Response Time: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 5,681.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$16,140.00.

Description: The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs 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 914(g) of the Longshore 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. The Act requires that the form must be filed within 16 days of the final payment of compensation with the District Director in the compensation district in which the injury occurred. Form LS-208 requests information regarding the beginning and ending dates of compensation payments, compensation rates, reason payments were terminated and types and amounts of compensation payments.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Work Experience and Career Exploration Programs (29 CFR Part 570.35a).

OMB Number: 1215-0121.

Form Number: None.

Frequency: Biannually.

Type of Response: Reporting; Recordkeeping; and Third party disclosure.

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

Number of Respondents: 14,014.

Annual Responses: 14,014.

Average Response Time: 2 hours for state application; 1 hour for written training agreement; and one-half minute to file a record.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 14,145.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

Description: The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., section (3)(l) establishes a minimum age of 16 years 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 (1) periods that will not interfere with the minor's schooling and (2) conditions that will not interfere with the minor's health and well-being. FLSA section 11(c) requires all employers covered by the FLSA to make, keep and preserve records of their employees' wages, hours and other conditions and practices of employment. Regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor prescribe the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for these records. 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 (CL Reg. 3). Regulations 29 CFR 570.35a contains the requirements describing the criteria for use, occupations permitted and conditions of employment that allow employment of 14- and 15-year olds-pursuant to a school-supervised and school administered Work Experience and Career Exploration Program (WECEP)—under the conditions CL Reg. 3 otherwise prohibits. In order to utilize the CL Reg. 3 WECEP provisions, regulations 29 CFR 570.35(b)(2) requires 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. Regulations 29 CFR 570.35a(b)(3)(vi)

requires preparation of a written training agreement for each student participating in a WECEP and that such agreement be signed by the teacher, coordinator, employer and student. The regulation also requires the student's parent or guardian to sign or otherwise consent to the agreement, in order for it to be valid. Regulations 29 CFR 570.35a(b)(4)(ii) requires state education agencies to keep a record of the names and addresses of each school enrolling WECEP students and the number of enrollees in each unit. The state or local educational agency office must keep a copy of the written training agreement for each student participating in the program and maintain these records for 3 years from the date of enrollment in the program.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request Settlement Agreements Between a Plan and Party in Interest

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Department of Labor (the Department) conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This program helps to ensure that the data the Department gathers can be provided in the desired format, that the reporting burden on the public (time and financial resources) is minimized, that the public understands the Department's collection instruments, and that the Department can accurately assess the impact of collection requirements on respondents.

By this notice, the Department is soliciting comments concerning the information collection provisions of two similar prohibited transaction class exemptions, PTE 94-71 and PTE 03-39. Both of these class exemptions concern transactions undertaken pursuant to settlement agreements between an employee benefit plan and a party in interest to that plan. A copy of the ICR may be obtained by contacting the office

listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before February 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the information collection request and burden estimates to: Susan G. Lahne, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-8410; Fax: (202) 219-4745. These are not toll-free numbers. Comments may also be submitted electronically to ebbsa.opr@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 94-71, entitled Class Exemption to Permit Certain Transactions Authorized Pursuant to Settlement Agreements Between the U.S. Department of Labor and Plans, which was published in final form on October 7, 1994 (59 FR 60837), exempts from the prohibitions of sections 406 and 407(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) transactions that are specifically authorized by a settlement agreement resulting from an investigation of an employee benefit plan by the Department pursuant to the authority of section 504(a) of ERISA. The availability of the exemption is conditioned on providing certain notices and disclosures. Specifically, the person seeking to rely on the exemption must provide notice to the affected participants and beneficiaries, at least 30 days prior to entering into the settlement agreement with the Department, in a manner approved by the Department that is reasonably calculated to result in actual receipt. The notice must include an objective description of the transaction, the approximate date on which it will occur, the address of the office of the Department that negotiated the settlement, and a statement apprising participants and beneficiaries of their right to provide comments to that office.

Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 03-39, entitled Class Exemption For Release of Claims and Extensions of Credit in Connection With Litigation, which was published in final form on December 31, 2003 (68 FR 75632), exempts from the prohibitions of sections 406 and 407(a) of ERISA certain transactions engaged in by a