

Signed at Washington, DC this 26th day of August, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-63,668]

#### **R.D. Reeves Construction, Inc., Employed On-Site at Longview Timber, Longview, WA; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on July 10, 2008, in response to a worker petition filed by an AFL-CIO official on behalf of workers of R.D. Reeves Construction, Inc. employed on-site at Longview Timber, Longview, Washington.

The petitioner is not an authorized representative of the group of workers covered by this petition, rendering this petition invalid. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of August 2008.

**Richard Church,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-63,718]

#### **Martinrea Heavy Stamping Division, Shelbyville, KY; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on July 21, 2008 in response to a petition filed by a One-Stop office on behalf of workers of Martinrea, Heavy Stamping Division, Shelbyville, Kentucky.

The Department determined that the petitioner was not a One-Stop operator or partner but rather a former worker. A petition filed by workers must be completed and signed by three affected workers. Accordingly, the petition is deemed invalid and the investigation under this petition is terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of August, 2008

**Linda G. Poole,**

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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 program 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. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before *November 3, 2008*.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

The BLS has been charged by Congress (29 U.S.C. 1 and 2) with the responsibility of collecting and publishing monthly information on employment, the average wage received, and the hours worked by area and industry. The process for developing

residency-based employment and unemployment estimates is a cooperative Federal-State program which uses employment and unemployment inputs available in State Workforce Agencies.

The labor force estimates developed and issued in this program are used for economic analysis and as a tool in the implementation of Federal economic policy in such areas as employment and economic development under the Workforce Investment Act and the Public Works and Economic Development Act, among others.

The estimates also are used in economic analysis by public agencies and private industry, and for State and area funding allocations and eligibility determinations according to legal and administrative requirements. Implementation of current policy and legislative authorities could not be accomplished without collection of the data.

The reports and manual covered by this request are integral parts of the LAUS program insofar as they insure and/or measure the timeliness, quality, consistency, and adherence to program directions of the LAUS estimates and related research.

#### **II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for an extension of the information collection request that makes up the LAUS program. All aspects of the program are automated. All data are entered directly into BLS-provided systems.

The BLS, as part of its responsibility to develop concepts and methods by which States prepare estimates under the LAUS program, developed a manual for use by the States. The manual explains the conceptual framework for the State and area estimates of employment and unemployment, specifies the procedures to be used, provides input information, and discusses the theoretical and empirical basis for each procedure. This manual is updated on a regular schedule. The LAUS program implemented a major program redesign in January 2005. The Redesign was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2004.

#### **III. Desired Focus of Comments**

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

- 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;