

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

February 14, 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 each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). 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 DOL, 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: Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report (VETS-100)

OMB Number: 1293-0005.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 187,755.

Number of Annual Responses: 187,755.

Total Burden Hours: 140,816.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

Description: The Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100, administered by U.S. Department of Labor, is used to facilitate Federal contractors and subcontractors reporting of their employment and new hiring activities. Title 38 U.S.C., Section 4212 requires the collection of information from entities holding contracts of \$25,000 or more with Federal departments or agencies to report annually on (a) the number of current employees in each job category and at each hiring location who are special disabled veterans, the number who are veterans of the Vietnam era and the number who are other veterans who served on active duty during a war or a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized; (b) the total number of employees hired during the report period and of those, the number of special disabled, the number who are veterans of the Vietnam era, and the number who are other veterans; and the maximum and minimum number of employees employed by the contractor at each hiring location during the period.

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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 collection: FECA Medical Report Forms, Claim for Compensation (CA-7, CA-16, CA-17, CA-20, CA-1090, CA-1303, CA-1305, CA-1331, CA-1087, CA-1332, QCM Letters, OWCP-5a, OWCP-5b, and OWCP-5c). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office 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 April 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, E-mail bell.hazel@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or E-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FECA Medical Report Forms (CA-16, CA-17, CA-20, CA-1090, CA-1303, CA-1305, CAT-1331, CA-1087, CA-1332, QCM Letters, OWCP-5a, OWCP-5b, and OWCP-5c) and Claim for Compensation (CA-7).

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101 *et seq.* The statute provides for the payment of benefits for wage loss and/or for permanent impairment to a scheduled member, arising out of a work related injury or disease. The Act outlines the elements of pay which are to be included in an individual's pay rate, and sets forth various other criteria for determining eligibility to and the amount of benefits, including augmentation of basic compensation for individuals with qualifying dependents; a requirement to report any earnings during a period that compensation is claimed; a prohibition against concurrent receipt of FECA benefits and benefits from OPM or certain VA benefits; a mandate that money collected from a liable third party found responsible for the injury for which compensation has been paid be applied to benefits paid or payable. Before compensation may be paid, the case file must contain medical evidence showing that the claimant's disability is casually related to the claimants' federal employment. As a particular claim ages, there is a continuing need for updated information to support continuing benefits. The FECA Medical Report