

**ADDRESSES** section below on or before February 18, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gregory T. Shaw, Civil Rights Center, (202) 693-6502 (Voice) or (202) 693-6515/16 (TTY). Please note that these are not toll free telephone numbers.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Annabelle T. Lockhart, Director of the Civil Rights Center. Electronic mail is the preferred method of submittal of comments. Comments by electronic mail must be clearly identified as pertaining to the ICR and sent to [civilrightscenter@dol.gov](mailto:civilrightscenter@dol.gov). Brief comments (maximum of five pages), clearly identified as pertaining to the ICR, may be submitted by facsimile machine (Fax) to (202) 693-6505. Where necessary, hard copies of comments, clearly identified as pertaining to the ICR, may also be delivered to the Civil Rights Center Director at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room N-4123, Washington, DC 20210. Because of problems with U.S. Postal Service mail delivery, the Civil Rights Center suggests that those submitting comments by means of the U.S. Postal Service should place those comments in the mail well before the deadline by which comments must be received.

Receipt of submissions, whether by U.S. Postal Service, e-mail, fax transmittal, or other means will not be acknowledged; however, the sender may request confirmation that a submission has been received, by telephoning the Civil Rights Center at the telephone numbers listed below.

Comments received will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the above address. Persons who need assistance to review the comments will be provided with appropriate aids such as readers or print magnifiers. Copies of the ICR will be made available, upon request, in large print or electronic file on computer disk. Provision of the rule in other formats will be considered upon request. To schedule an appointment to review the comments and/or obtain the ICR in an alternate format contact the Civil Rights Center at (202) 693-6500 (Voice) or (202) 693-6515/16 (TTY). Please note that these are not toll free telephone numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Compliance Information Report and its information collection is designed to ensure that programs or activities funded in whole or in part by the Department of Labor operate in a nondiscriminatory manner. The Report

requires such programs and activities to collect, maintain and report upon request from the Department, race, sex, age and disability data for program applicants, eligible applicants, participants, terminees, applicants for employment and employees.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

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 a 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 an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements in the Compliance Information Report. Extension is necessary to ensure nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded in whole or in part by the Department of Labor.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Civil Rights Center, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management.

*Title:* Compliance Information Report—29 CFR part 31 (Title VI), Nondiscrimination-Disability—29 CFR part 32 (section 504), Nondiscrimination-Job Training Partnership Act—29 CFR part 34 (section 167).

*OMB Number:* 1225-0077.

*Affected public:* State, local or Tribal governments.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.00.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$84,289.86.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and 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.

Signed at Washington, DC this 11th day of December, 2002.

**Annabelle T. Lockhart,**

*Director, Civil Rights Center.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Child Labor Education Initiative**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to solicit cooperative agreement applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), intends to award approximately U.S. \$30 million to organizations to develop and implement formal, non-formal, and vocational education programs as a means to combat exploitative child labor in the following countries: Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Mali, Morocco, Philippines and Uganda. ILAB will solicit cooperative agreement applications from qualified organizations (*i.e.*, any commercial, international, or non-profit organization capable of successfully developing and implementing education programs) to implement programs that promote school attendance and provide educational opportunities for working children or children at risk of starting working. The programs should focus on innovative ways to address the many gaps and challenges to basic education found in the countries mentioned above.

**DATES:** The solicitations for cooperative agreement applications will be published in the **Federal Register** and will remain open for at least 30 days from the date of publication. All awards will be made before September 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Once solicitations are published in the **Federal Register**, applications must be delivered to: U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5416, Attention: Lisa Harvey, Washington, DC 20210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Harvey. E-mail address: [harvey-lisa@dol.gov](mailto:harvey-lisa@dol.gov). All inquiries should make reference to the USDOL Child Labor Education Initiative—Solicitations for Cooperative Agreement Applications.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since 1995, USDOL has supported a worldwide technical assistance program implemented by the International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-

IPEC). In that time, ILAB has provided \$195 million to ILO-IPEC and other organizations for international technical assistance to combat abusive child labor around the world.

In its FY 2002 appropriations, in addition to funds earmarked for ILO-IPEC, USDOL received \$37 million for the Child Labor Education Initiative to fund programs that increase access to quality basic education in areas with a high incidence of abusive and exploitative child labor. The cooperative agreements awarded under these solicitations will be funded by this initiative.

USDOL's Education Initiative nurtures the development, health, safety, and enhanced future employability of children around the world by increasing access to basic education for children removed from child labor or at risk of entering it. Eliminating child labor will depend in part on improving access to, quality of, and relevance of education. Without improving educational quality and relevance, children withdrawn from child labor may not have viable alternatives and may return to work or resort to other hazardous means of subsistence.

The Education Initiative has the following four goals:

1. Raise awareness of the importance of education for all children and mobilize a wide array of actors to improve and expand education infrastructures;
2. Strengthen formal and transitional education systems that encourage working children and those at risk of working to attend school;
3. Strengthen national institutions and policies on education and child labor; and
4. Ensure the long-term sustainability of these efforts.

When working to increase access to quality basic education, USDOL strives to complement existing efforts to eradicate the worst forms of child labor, to build on the achievements of and lessons learned from these efforts, to expand impact and build synergies among actors, and to avoid duplication of resources and efforts.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of December, 2002.

**Lawrence J. Kuss,**

*Grant Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Collection; Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Program Forms Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), 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 (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 and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision and extension of the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Handbook.

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 **ADDRESSES** section below on or before February 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Merri Baldwin, Office of Workforce Security, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4231, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-3220 (this is not a toll-free number), fax number (202) 693-3229. E-mail address: [mbaldwin@doleta.gov](mailto:mbaldwin@doleta.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. *Background:* The UCFE law (5 U.S.C. 8501-8509) requires State workforce agencies (SWAs) to pay UCFE in the same amount and under the same terms and conditions as would be payable under the unemployment insurance law of the State if the claimant's Federal service and Federal wages had been included as employment and wages under that State's law. Each State agency must obtain from the Federal agency wage and separation information for each claimant filing a UCFE claim to enable it to determine his/her eligibility for benefits. As a result of reorganization,

all the form numbers have been changed from ES to ETA. The State agencies obtain and record required UCFE information on the following forms (either electronic or paper) developed by the Department of Labor: ETA-931, ETA-931A, ETA-933, ETA-934, and ETA-935. The use of each of these forms is essential to the UCFE claims process.

Information pertaining to the UCFE claimant may be obtained from the individual's former employing Federal agency only by using form ETA-931, Request for Wage and Separation Information. Form ETA-931A is used to request separation information or the reason for non-pay status when a claimant has a previously established benefit year and is reopening his claim after an intervening period of employment in a Federal agency. Form ETA-933 is used to obtain information from the Office of Workers' Compensation. Form ETA-934 is used to obtain information when missing or clarified data is needed from a Federal agency. This form is used in about 10% of claims. If the claimant's former employer does not provide the information, the next most feasible and effective way to obtain this information is by use of form ETA-935, the claimant's Affidavit of Federal Civilian Service, Wages and Reason for Separation, prescribed by the Department of Labor for State agency use. Without this information, States could not adequately determine the UCFE eligibility of former Federal employees and would not be able to properly administer the program. Form ETA-935 is used, generally, to overcome delays in the normal claims process caused by delayed returns of completed form ETA-931 by the employing Federal agency. The ETA-935 is required to be completed in 100% of all claims. Form ETA-936, Request for Verification of Wage and Separation Information Furnished on Form ETA-931, is sent to payroll offices to verify a sample of the forms ETA-931 submitted by that office and to provide the Federal agency with an opportunity to request technical assistance concerning the UCFE program. This form is used semi-annually. Form ETA-939, Federal Agency Visits Report, is completed by a SWA representative, on each visit to a Federal agency installation in connection with the UCFE program. The number of times this form is used varies with each State. Form ETA 8-32, Report of UCFE Activities, is used by each SWA every 6 months to verify activities and federal agency visits.