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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Nature and Conduct of the Public Forum

The public forum will be conducted by an officer of the U.S. Department of Labor. There will be limited audience capacity, and participation from the public will be based on a first-come, first-served basis. Simultaneous translation between English and Spanish will be provided. Disabled persons should contact the Secretary of the U.S. NAO, by February 16, if special accommodations are needed.

2. Oral or Written Statements and Requests To Present Oral Statements

Requests to present oral statements shall include name, address, and telephone and fax numbers of the presenter, the organization represented, if any, and any other information pertinent to the request. Such request must be received by February 16, 1996. The U.S. NAO will notify each requester of the disposition of their request to present an oral statement. Presenters may submit written statements in lieu of a request to make an oral statement. Such written statements will be entered into the record but will not be read at the forum.

Oral statements at the public forum will normally be limited to ten minutes. Additional time may be allowed based on the number of speakers. The number of oral presenters may be limited, based on considerations of available time, on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be no general audience participation nor questioning of presenters by members of the audience.

This is a public forum open to members of the press.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 22, 1996.

Irasema T. Garza,
Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.

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Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

1. Payment of Compensation Without Award (LS-206);
2. Certification of Funeral Expenses (LS-265);
3. Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation (LS-207);
4. Application for Authority to Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wages

in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture (WH-200-MIS)

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 of: (1) Payment of Compensation Without Award; (2) Certification of Funeral Expenses; (3) Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation; (4) Application for Authority to Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wages in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture.

Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 1, 1996. Written comments should address whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the burden (time and financial resources) estimates; ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-7601 (this is not a toll-free number), fax 202-219-6592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Payment of Compensation Without Award

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, which 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 employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Under the Act, a self-insured employer or insurance carrier is required to pay compensation within 14 days after the employer has knowledge of the injury or death. Upon making the first payment, the employer or carrier must immediately notify the deputy commissioner of the payment. This form has been designated as the form on which report of first payment is to be made.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to monitor the payment status of a given case.

Certification of Funeral Expenses

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, which 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 employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. The Act provides that reasonable funeral expenses not to exceed \$3,000 shall be paid in all compensable death cases. Form LS-265 has been provided for use in submitting the funeral expenses for payment.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility for monitoring and processing death cases. It is used to certify the amount of funeral expenses incurred in the case.

Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, which 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 employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Pursuant to the Act, if an employer controverts the right to compensation he/she shall file with the deputy commissioner in the affected compensation district on or before the fourteenth day after he has knowledge of the alleged injury or death, a notice, in accordance with a form prescribed by the Secretary of

Labor, stating that the right to compensation is controverted. This form is used for that purpose.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to determine the basis for not paying benefits in a case, and to inform the injured claimant of the reason(s) for not paying compensation benefits.

Application for Authority To Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wages in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture

I. Background

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) requires the Secretary of Labor to provide certificates authorizing the employment of full-time students at 65% of the applicable minimum wage in retail or service establishments and in agriculture to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment. These provisions set limits on such employment and prescribe safeguards to protect full-time students so employed and full-time employment opportunities of other workers. 29 CFR Part 519 sets forth the application requirements, the terms and conditions for the employment of students at subminimum wages. This voluntary use form is prepared and signed by an authorized representative of an employer applying for authorization to employ full-time students at subminimum wages. The completed form is reviewed by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor to determine whether to grant or to deny subminimum wage authority to the applicant.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to provide employers with the certification necessary to pay students at subminimum wages, to protect full-time students so employed, and to protect the full-time opportunities of other workers.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Payment of Compensation Without Award.

OMB Number: 1215-0022.

Agency Number: LS-206.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Estimated Cost: Unknown.

Total Burden Hours: 8,550.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Certification of Funeral Expenses.

OMB Number: 1215-0027.

Agency Number: LS-265.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 195.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Cost: \$68.00.

Total Burden Hours: 49.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation.

OMB Number: 1215-0023.

Agency Number: LS-207.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Cost: \$7,040.00.

Total Burden Hours: 4,725.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Application for Authority to Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wage in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture.

OMB Number: 1215-0032.

Agency Number: WH-200-MIS.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other For-Profit; Not-for-Profit Institutions; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 10-30 minutes.

Total Estimated Cost: Unknown.

Total Burden Hours: 1,100.

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: January 22, 1996.

Cecily A. Rayburn,

Chief, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning Employment Standards Administration.

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Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal Register, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any