

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0
Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$0

Description: Data measures workload and provides quantitative measurement for budget estimates, administrative planning, and program evaluation. This is a major vehicle for accounting to the public.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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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 extension collection of the following: (1) Request for Earnings Information (LS-426); and (2) Recordkeeping Requirements of Regulations 29 CFR 516.34, to Implement the Remedial Education Provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Copies of the proposed information collection requests 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 within 60 days of the date of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 693-1451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Earnings Information, LS-426

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, and its extensions. These Acts provide compensation benefits to injured workers. Pursuant to Section 8 of the Act, injured employees shall receive compensation in an amount equal to 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ per centum of their average weekly wage. Form LS-426 is used to determine if the correct compensation rate is being paid.

II. Review Focus

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 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 the extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to assure that injured workers are paid at the proper compensation rate.

Type of Review: Extension
Agency: Employment Standards Administration

Title: Request for Earnings Information

OMB Number: 1215-0112

Agency Number: LS-426

Affected Public: Individuals or households

Total Respondents: 1,700

Frequency: On occasion

Total Responses: 1,700

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 425

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):

\$0

Total Burden (operational/maintenance): \$0

Remedial Education Provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act

I. Background

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), employees who lack a high school diploma or whose reading level or basic skills are at or below the eighth grade, may be required by their employers to attend up to 10 hours per week of remedial education. Employees who are subject to the overtime provisions of the FLSA ordinarily must be paid one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in each workweek. However, the additional hours devoted to such remedial education would not have to be compensated at the same time and one-half overtime rate. However, employees must receive compensation at their regular rate of pay for time spent receiving such remedial education. Employers wishing to utilize the partial overtime exemption for such employees must record the hours of employees spent in remedial education.

II. Review Focus

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 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 assumption 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 the extension of approval to collect this information in order to review and determine employer compliance with the applicable section of the FLSA.

Type of Review: Extension

Agency: Employment Standards Administration

Title: Recordkeeping Requirements of Regulations 29 CFR 516.34, the Regulations to Implement the Remedial Education Provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act

OMB Number: 1215-0175

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not for profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government

Total Respondents: 15,000

Total Records: 30,000

Average Time per Response: 10 minutes

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,000

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0

Total Burden (operational/maintenance): \$0

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 13, 2000.

Margaret J. Sherill,
Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.

3501 *et. seq.*), this notice announces that the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) request for a three year reinstatement of its expired Generic Clearance Request for Voluntary Customer Surveys Under Executive Order 12862 "Setting Customer Service Standards" has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment.

In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this form is estimated to vary from 10 minutes to 30 minutes per response, with an average of 15 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

5 CFR section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201 and 1209	5,000	1	3,750	.25	937.5

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address shown below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3124-0012 in any correspondence.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the paperwork burden should also be addressed to Mr. Bruce Mayor, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20419 or by calling (202) 653-8900 and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for MSPB, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 13, 2000.

Robert E. Taylor,
Clerk of the Board.

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NATIONAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CENTER

Privacy Act of 1974; Amendments to Statement of General Routine Uses

AGENCY: National Counterintelligence Center.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to Statement of General Routine Uses for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a).

SUMMARY: The National Counterintelligence Center is providing notice of an amendment to the Statement of General Routine Uses for systems of records in its current inventory of systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This action is effective February 22, 2000, unless comments are received which would result in a contrary determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information and Privacy Coordinator, Executive Secretariat, National Counterintelligence Center, 3W01 NHB, Washington, DC 20505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Counterintelligence Center (NACIC) hereby amends Item 10 of its National of General Routine Uses, entitled "Routine Use—Counterintelligence Purposes," to delete the words "outside the U.S. Government." The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that records from systems of records maintained by NACIC may be disclosed for counterintelligence purposes both within and outside the U.S. Government. Other routine uses set forth in NACIC's Statement of General

Routine Uses are unchanged. Each of the routine uses set forth in NACIC's Statement of General Routine Uses applies to, and is incorporated by reference into, each system of records maintained by NACIC. NACIC's systems of records are fully described in **Federal Register** Volume 62, Number 191 (62 FR 51698, Oct 2, 1997) and are unchanged by the amendment described in this notice.

For the convenience of the public, NACIC's amended Statement of General Routine Uses is published herewith in its entirety.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Michael Waguespack,
Director, National Counterintelligence Center.

Statement of General Routine Uses

The following routine uses apply to, and are incorporated by reference into each system of records maintained by NACIC. It should be noted that, before the individual record system notices begin, the blanket routine uses of the records are published below only once in the interest of simplicity, economy and to avoid redundancy.

1. Routine Use—Law Enforcement: In the event that a system of records maintained by NACIC to carry out its functions indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or by