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Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Brian A. Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-6974 (these are not toll-free numbers), E-mail: OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

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:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries.

*OMB Control Number:* 1220-0133.

*Agency Form Number:* BLS CFOI-1.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government; and individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,949.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,763.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs Burden:* \$0.

*Description:* The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries is authorized by section 24(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-596) and provides policymakers and the public with comprehensive, verifiable, and timely measures of fatal work

injuries. Data are compiled from various Federal, State, and local sources and include information on how the incident occurred as well as various characteristics of the employers and the deceased worker. This information is used for surveillance of fatal work injuries and for developing prevention strategies. For additional information, see related notice published on October 4, 2007 at 72 FR 192.

**Darrin A. King,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Solicitor; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Equal Access to Justice Act

**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 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. 3505(c)(2)(A)]. The 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 the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Office of the Solicitor is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request (ICR) for applications to obtain awards in administrative proceedings subject to the Equal Access to Justice Act.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by February 25, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to Department of Labor/Office of the Solicitor Attn: Raymond E. Mitten, Jr., 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-2428, Washington DC 20210. Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 693-5538.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Raymond E. Mitten, Jr., Counsel for Administrative Law, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, Office of the Solicitor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington,

DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-5523. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available in room N-1301, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. A copy of the ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation, contact Darrin King at (202) 693-4129 or E-mail: king.darrin@dol.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

The Equal Access to Justice Act provides for the award of fees and expenses to certain parties involved in administrative proceedings with the United States. The statute requires, at 5 U.S.C. sec. 504(a)(2), that a party seeking an award of fees and other expenses in a covered administrative proceeding must submit to the agency "an application which shows that the party is the prevailing party and is eligible to receive an award" under the Act. The Department of Labor's regulations implementing the Equal Access to Justice Act contain a subpart which specifies the contents of applications for an award, 29 CFR part 16, Subpart B.

### 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 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.

### III. Current Action

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the paperwork requirements for the contents of applications for an award under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

*Agency:* Office of the Solicitor.

*Title:* Equal Access to Justice Act.

*OMB Number:* 1225-0013.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* Varies by year; usually less than 10.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* See Number of Respondents.

*Average Time per Response:* 5 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 50 hours.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total Annualized costs (operation and maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and may be included in the request for OMB approval of the final information collection request. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed this 19th day of December, 2007.

**William W. Thompson, II,**

*Associate Solicitor for Management and Administrative Legal Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Procedural Guidelines for the Development and Maintenance of the List of Goods From Countries Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor; Request for Information

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

**ACTION:** Notice of procedural guidelines for the development and maintenance of a list of goods from countries produced by child labor or forced labor in violation of international standards; Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth final procedural guidelines ("Guidelines") for the development and maintenance of a list of goods from countries that the Bureau of International Labor Affairs ("ILAB") has reason to believe are produced by child labor or forced labor in violation of international standards ("List"). The Guidelines establish the process for public submission of information, and the evaluation and reporting process to be used by the U.S. Department of Labor's ("DOL") Office of

Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking ("Office") in maintaining and updating the List. DOL is required to develop and make available to the public the List pursuant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005. This notice also requests information on the use of child labor and/or forced labor in the production of goods internationally, as well as information on government, industry, or third-party actions and initiatives to address these problems. This information will be used by DOL as appropriate in developing the initial List.

**DATES:** This document is effective immediately upon publication of this notice. Information submitted in response to this notice must be received by the Office no later than March 26, 2008. Information received after that date may not be taken into consideration in developing DOL's initial List, but such information will be considered by the Office as the List is maintained and updated in the future.

**TO SUBMIT INFORMATION, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Director, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor at (202) 693-4843 (this is not a toll-free number). Information may be submitted by the following methods:

- *Facsimile (fax):* ILAB/Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking at 202-693-4830.
- *Mail, Express Delivery, Hand Delivery, and Messenger Service:* Charita Castro or Rachel Rigby at U.S. Department of Labor, ILAB/Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-5317, Washington, DC 20210.
- *E-mail:* [ilab-tvpra@dol.gov](mailto:ilab-tvpra@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 105(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 ("TVPRA of 2005"), Public Law 109-164 (2006), directed the Secretary of Labor, acting through the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, to "carry out additional activities to monitor and combat forced labor and child labor in foreign countries." Section 105(b)(2) of the TVPRA, 22 U.S.C. 7112(b)(2), listed these activities as:

(A) Monitor the use of forced labor and child labor in violation of international standards;

(B) Provide information regarding trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labor to the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State for inclusion in [the] trafficking in persons report required by section

110(b) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b));

(C) Develop and make available to the public a list of goods from countries that the Bureau of International Labor Affairs has reason to believe are produced by forced labor or child labor in violation of international standards;

(D) Work with persons who are involved in the production of goods on the list described in subparagraph (C) to create a standard set of practices that will reduce the likelihood that such persons will produce goods using the labor described in such subparagraph; and

(E) Consult with other departments and agencies of the United States Government to reduce forced and child labor internationally and ensure that products made by forced labor and child labor in violation of international standards are not imported into the United States.

The Office carries out the DOL mandates in the TVPRA. These Guidelines provide the framework for ILAB's implementation of the TVPRA mandate, and establish procedures for the submission and review of information and the process for developing and maintaining the List. In addition to the Office's efforts under the TVPRA, the Office conducts and publishes research on child labor and forced labor worldwide. The Office consults such sources as DOL's *Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor*; the Department of State's annual *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and Trafficking in Persons Reports*; reports by governmental, non-governmental, and international organizations; and reports by academic and research institutions and other sources.

In addition to reviewing information submitted by the public in response to this Notice, the Office will also conduct a public hearing to gather information to assist in the development of the List. The Office will evaluate all information received according to the processes outlined in these Guidelines. Goods that meet the criteria outlined in these Guidelines will be placed on an initial List, published in the **Federal Register** and on the DOL Web site. DOL intends to maintain and update the List over time, through its own research, interagency consultations, and additional public submissions of information. Procedures for the ongoing maintenance of the List, and key terms used in these Guidelines, are described in detail below.