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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request

March 14, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) 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 individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by E-mail to [Kurz-Karin@dol.gov](mailto:Kurz-Karin@dol.gov)). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by E-Mail to [King-Darrin@dol.gov](mailto:King-Darrin@dol.gov)).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), 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:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Optional Use Payroll Form Under the Davis-Bacon Act.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0149.

*Frequency:* Weekly.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; and State, Local or Tribal Government

*Number of Respondents:* 106,960.

*Estimated Time Per response:* 56 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 9,200,000.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$40.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$354,000.

*Description:* Report is used by contractors to certify payrolls in accordance with requirements of Copeland and Davis-Bacon Acts, attesting that proper wage rates and fringe benefits were paid; reviewed by contracting agencies to verify that rates are legal and that employees are properly classified.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### 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 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 (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.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before May 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Sytrina D. Toon, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sytrina D. Toon, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Proposed Collection

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Housing Survey Computer Assisted Data Collection (CADC). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

##### II. Background

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the only index compiled by the U.S. Government that is designed to measure changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer's dollar. The CPI is most widely used as a measure of inflation, and serves as an indicator of the effectiveness of Government economic policy. It also is used as a deflator of other economic series, that is, to adjust other series for price changes and to translate these series into inflation-free dollars.