

making authority of any other agency involved in the NEPA process. Upon request, MMS will provide potential cooperating agencies with a written summary of ground rules for cooperating agencies, including time schedules and critical action dates, milestones, responsibilities, scope and detail of cooperating agencies' contributions, and availability of pre-decisional information. MMS anticipates this summary will form the basis for a Memorandum of Understanding between the MMS and each cooperating agency. You should also consider the "Factors for Determining Cooperating Agency Status" in Attachment 1 to CEQ's January 30, 2002, Memorandum for the Heads of Federal Agencies on *Cooperating Agencies in Implementing the Procedural Requirements of The National Environmental Policy Act*. A copy of this document is available at: (<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagenciesmemorandum.html>) and (<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagencymemofactors.html>).

The MMS, as the lead agency, will not be providing financial assistance to cooperating agencies. Even if your organization is not a cooperating agency, you will continue to have opportunities to provide information and comments to MMS during the normal public input phases of the NEPA/EIS process. MMS will also consult with Tribal governments on a Government-to-Government basis. If you would like further information about cooperating agencies, please contact Mr. Paul Stang, Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment, at the address noted above or by phone at (907) 334-5230.

##### 5. Existing Information

The MMS has acquired a substantial amount of information, including that gained through the use of traditional knowledge, on the issues and concerns related to oil and gas leasing in the Chukchi Sea. Much of this information has been developed as a result of past lease sales and Environmental Impact Statements in the Chukchi Sea. In addition, an extensive environmental, social, and economic studies program has been underway in this area since 1975 in Alaska. The emphasis has been on geologic mapping, environmental characterization of biologically-sensitive habitats, endangered whales and marine mammals, physical oceanography, ocean-circulation modeling, and ecological and socio-cultural effects of oil and gas activities.

Information on the studies program, completed studies, and a program status report for continuing studies in this area may be obtained from the Chief, Environmental Studies Section, Alaska OCS Region, by telephone request at (907) 334-5280, or by written request at the address stated under NOI comments above. A request may also be made via the Alaska Region Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/alaska/ref/pubindex/pubsindex.htm>.

Dated: August 30, 2005.

**Francis Hodsoll,**

*Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

September 1, 2005.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) 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 this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or email: [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 the Employment Standards Administration (ESA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), 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.

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

*Title:* Construction Recordkeeping and Reporting.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0163.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping; Reporting; and Third party disclosure.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 178,487.

*Annual Responses:* 178,487.

*Average Response Time:* Varies.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:*

1,710,325.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* \$0.

*Description:* 41 CFR chapter 60 sets out the purpose and scope of the affirmative action requirements for construction contractors. Accordingly, contractors should implement the specific affirmative action steps in accordance with 41 CFR 60-4.3(a)7. The recordkeeping and reporting by Federal and Federally assisted construction contractors and subcontractors is necessary to substantiate their compliance with nondiscrimination and affirmative action contractual obligations.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; ETA-204 Experience Rating Report

**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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 14, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Edward M. Dullaghan, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S4231, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, 20210; telephone number (202) 693-2927 (this is not a toll-free number); e-mail [dullaghan.edward@dol.gov](mailto:dullaghan.edward@dol.gov); fax (202) 693-2874.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The data submitted annually on the ETA-204 report enables the Employment and Training Administration to project revenues for the Unemployment Insurance program on a state-by-state basis and to measure the variations in assigned contribution rates which result from different experience rating systems. Used in conjunction with other data, the ETA-204 assists in determining the effects of certain factors (e.g., seasonality, stabilization, expansion, or contraction in employment, etc.) on the unemployment experience of various groups of employers. The data also provide an early signal for potential solvency problems and are useful in analyzing factors which give rise to these potential problems and permit an evaluation of the effectiveness of the various approaches available to correct the detected problems. Further, the data are the basis for determining the Experience Rating Index, which allows for the evaluation of the extent to which benefits in states are effectively charged, noncharged, and ineffectively charged.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the ETA-204, Experience Rating Report which:

- Evaluates 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;

- Evaluates 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;

- Enhances the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimizes 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**III. Current Actions**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Experience Rating Report.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0164.

*Agency Number:* ETA-204.

*Affected Public:* State Government.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* ETA-204.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 53.

*Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 13.

*Total Burden Cost (Operating/Maintaining):* \$325.

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: August 9, 2005.

**Cheryl Atkinson,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration.*

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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 collection: Notice of Final Payment or Suspension of Compensation Benefits (LS-208). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before November 14, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, *E-mail* [bell.hazel@dol.gov](mailto:bell.hazel@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or E-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). The Act 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 employee in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Under Section 914(g) of the Longshore Act, the employer or its insurance carrier must file a report of the compensation paid to a claimant at the time final payment is made. The Act requires that the form must be filed within 16 days of the final payment of compensation with the District Director in the compensation district in which the injury occurred. Form LS-208 requests information regarding the beginning and ending dates of compensation payments, compensation rates, reason payments were terminated and types and amounts of compensation payments. This information collection is currently approved for use through March 31, 2006.

**II. Review Focus**

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which: