

authorizes state workforce security agencies to access the NDNH "for purposes of administering an unemployment compensation program under Federal or State law". BAM must utilize this resource as part of the audit of paid claims to detect and investigate claimant employment during the benefit year to determine its effect on the claimant's eligibility for UI.

This requirement will be effective with BAM batch 200801 (sampling week beginning December 30, 2007, and ending January 5, 2008). States may begin to use the NDNH crossmatch as part of their BAM paid claims investigations prior to the effective date. States not participating in the NDNH crossmatch prior to the effective date may crossmatch BAM paid claims sample cases with their SDNH. However, once the state begins to access the NDNH, they must utilize the NDNH as part of the BAM paid claims investigation instead of the SDNH. All BAM paid claims investigations must include the NDNH crossmatch by the effective date (BAM sampling batch 200801).

BAM auditors will conduct fact-finding for those BAM cases in which the claimant's SSN matches one or more records in the NDNH (or SDNH) to determine if there are any issues affecting the claimant's eligibility for UI benefits for the sampled week. Agencies will conduct fact-finding according to the procedures in ET Handbook No. 395.

Pending approval of this information collection request by the Office of Management and Budget, ETA will issue technical specifications for crossmatching BAM cases with the new hire directories. BAM program managers will be responsible for identifying the organizational unit within their state that administers their state's participation in the NDNH or manages their SDNH and for determining the procedures needed to link BAM data with the NDNH or SDNH data.

State agencies that currently use their state's wage records as part of the BAM investigation may continue to do so. However, the use of wage records as part of the BAM investigation is not required.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Modification to Unemployment Insurance Benefit Accuracy Measurement Investigative Procedures.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0245.

*Agency Form Number:* BAM State Operations Handbook (ET Handbook No. 395, 4th ed.).

*Recordkeeping:* States are required to follow their state laws regarding public record retention in retaining records for this proposed data collection system.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agencies (Primary), individuals, businesses, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Respondents:* 188,984 (unchanged).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 429,805 (+6,562 from current burden).

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$38,411 (\$739 per agency, annualized over 3-year life cycle).

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$504,000 (unchanged).

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: February 6, 2006.

**Cheryl Atkinson,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.*

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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: Regulations Governing the Administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (ESA-100, LS-200, LS-201, LS-203, LS-204, LS-262, LS-267, LS-271, LS-274, LS-513). 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 April 24, 2006.

**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 (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA), as amended (20 CFR 702.162, 702.174, 702.175, 20 CFR 702.242, 20 CFR 702.285, 702.321, 702.201, and 702.111) as it pertains to the provision of 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, as well as coverage extended to certain other employees. The Longshore Act administration requirements include: Payment of compensation liens incurred by Trust Funds; certification of exemption and reinstatement of employers who are engaged in the building, repairing, or dismantling of exclusively small vessels; settlement of cases under the Act; reporting of earnings by injured claimants receiving benefits under the Act; filing applications for relief under second injury provisions; and, maintenance of injury reports under the Act. This information collection is currently approved for use through December 31, 2006.

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 (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to insure that Longshore beneficiaries are receiving appropriate benefits.

Failure to request this information, there would be no way to insure beneficiaries are receiving the correct amount of benefits.

*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.  
*Title:* Regulations Governing the Administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.  
*OMB Number:* 1215-0160.  
*Agency Number:* (ESA-100, LS-200, LS-201, LS-203, LS-204, LS-262, LS-267, LS-271, LS-274, LS-513).  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Businesses or other for-profit.  
*Total Respondents:* 185,716.

*Total Responses:* 185,716.  
*Frequency:* On Occasion and Annually.  
*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping and Reporting.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 71,376.  
*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.  
*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$66,571.

Information collection	Annual responses	Average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
LS-200, Report of Earnings .....	18,000	0.17	2,440
LS-200, Report of Earnings with no earnings information to report .....	3,600	0	0
Liens (702.162) .....	10	0.5	5
Certifications (702.174) .....	5	0.75	4
Reinstatements (702.175) .....	2	0.5	1
Settlement Applications (702.242) .....	5,040	2	10,080
Section 8(f) Payments (702.321) .....	485	5	2,425
ESA-100 (LS) Annual Report .....	42,000	0.02	840
LS-271, Application for Self-insurance .....	20	2	40
LS-274, Report of Injury Experience of Self-Insured Employer .....	619	1	619
LS-201, Notice of Employee's Injury of Death .....	5,040	0.25	1,260
LS-513, Report of Payments .....	619	0.5	309
LS-267, Claimant's Statement .....	1,456	0.033	48
LS-203, Employee's Claim for Compensation .....	11,340	0.25	2,835
LS-204, Attending Physician's Supplementary Report .....	100,800	0.5	50,400
LS-262, Claim for Death Benefits .....	280	0.25	70
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>185,716</b>		<b>71,376</b>

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating maintenance):* \$66,571.

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: February 15, 2006.

**Sue Blumenthal,**

*Acting 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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**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 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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the "Current Population Survey (CPS) Volunteer Supplement." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before April 24, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division

of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The September 2006 CPS Volunteer Supplement will be conducted at the request of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and USA Freedom Corps. The Volunteer Supplement will provide information on the total number of individuals in the U.S. involved in unpaid volunteer activities, measures of the frequency or intensity with which individuals volunteer, types of organizations that facilitate volunteerism, and the activities in which volunteers participate. It will also provide information on civic engagement.

Because the Volunteer Supplement is part of the CPS, the same detailed demographic information collected in