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Edward C. Hugler,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management.

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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: Claim for Reimbursement-Assisted Reemployment (CA-2231). 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 January 19, 2007.

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. 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 Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) 5 U.S.C. 8101 and Section 8104a of the FECA provides vocational rehabilitation services to eligible injured workers to facilitate their return to work. The costs of providing these vocational rehabilitation services are from the Employees' Compensation Fund. Annual appropriations language currently in Public Law 109-289 provides OWCP with the legal authority to use the amounts from the Fund to reimburse private sector employers for a portion of the salary of reemployed disabled Federal workers they have hired through OWCP's assisted reemployment program. The information collected on Form CA-2231 provides OWCP with the necessary remittance information for the employer, documents the hours of work, certifies the payment of wages to the claimant for which reimbursement is sought, and summarizes the nature and costs of the wage reimbursement program for a prompt decision by OWCP. This information collection is currently approved for use through June 30, 2007.

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 to ensure timely and accurate payments to eligible employers for reimbursement claims.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Claim for Reimbursement-Assisted Reemployment.

OMB Number: 1215-0178

Agency Number: CA-2231

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

Total Respondents: 20.

Total Annual Responses: 80.

Average Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 40.

Frequency: Quarterly.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$34.00.

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: November 15, 2006.

Hazel Bell,

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

Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting and Agenda

The eleventh meeting of the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee will be held on December 15, 2006 in the Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC.

The Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee is a technical committee composed of economists, statisticians, and behavioral scientists who are recognized for their attainments and objectivity in their respective fields. Committee members are called upon to analyze issues involved in producing Federal economic statistics and recommend practices that will lead to optimum efficiency, effectiveness, and cooperation among the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census.

The meeting will be held in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 of the Postal Square Building Conference Center. The schedule and agenda for the meeting are as follows:

9 a.m. Opening session.
 9 a.m. New Data Collection Methods.
 1 p.m. Business Lists Comparisons.
 2:45 p.m. Priorities for future meetings.
 3:15 p.m. Disability Questions in the Current Population Survey and the American Community Survey.
 4:45 p.m. Conclude (approximate time).

The meeting is open to the public. Any questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Margaret Johnson, Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee, on Area Code (202) 691-5600. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Ms. Johnson at least two days prior to the meeting date.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 17, 2006.

Philip L. Ronese,

Acting Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request for a new collection. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: MSPB has submitted an ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On September 12, 2006 (**Federal Register**, Volume 71, Number 176, page 53712-53713), MSPB sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). MSPB received no comments. Additional comments should be submitted on or before December 18, 2006 to OMB (Brenda Aguilar at baguilar@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-6974).

ADDRESSES: You may also submit comments to MSPB via any of the following methods:

E-mail: mspb.study@mspb.gov. Include "Employee Surveys" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: (202) 653-7211.

Mail: Cynthia Ferentinos, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Suite 500,

1615 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20419.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the survey questions, contact Cynthia Ferentinos by phone on 202-653-6772, ext. 1334, by fax on 202-653-7211, or by e-mail at cynthia.ferentinos@mspb.gov. You may contact Ms. Ferentinos V/TDD at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Proposed Project:* "Career Advancement Survey of Federal Employees"

As part of its purpose, MSPB is responsible for conducting studies of the Federal civil service to ensure that all Federal government agencies follow merit systems practices and avoid prohibited personnel practices. To support this research agenda, MSPB periodically conducts surveys of samples of Federal employees. To obtain insight into the current perspectives, MSPB requests approval to conduct additional surveys over the next three years.

The content of these surveys will focus on the career progression strategies utilized by Federal employees. In particular, we will examine if advancement techniques vary between groups of employees and evaluate the outcomes associated with each approach. We also plan to identify perceptions held by employees regarding discrimination and strategies that may have been used to overcome this potential barrier. In addition to the primary survey which is designed to cover all employees, we may also design a limited number of more narrowly focused surveys, which address issues unique to subpopulations of Federal employees (e.g., people with disabilities).

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per respondent.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Participants are selected via stratified random sampling to facilitate a representative sample of Federal employees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 46,000.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 23,000.

Dated: November 14, 2006.

Matthew Shannon,

Deputy Clerk of the Board.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (06-084)]

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant exclusive license.

SUMMARY: This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive license in the United States and foreign countries to practice the inventions described and claimed in "Embedded Carbon Nanotube Array as High Performance Thermal Conductors" ARC-15173-1 and "System And Method using Self-Assembled Nano Structures in the Design and Fabrication of an Integrated Circuit Micro-Cooler" ARC-15832-1 to Nanoconduction, Inc., having its principal place of business in Sunnyvale, CA. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective exclusive license will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

DATES: The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. Competing applications completed and received by NASA within fifteen (15) days of the date of this published notice will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

ADDRESSES: Objections relating to the prospective exclusive license may be submitted to Patent Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, NASA Ames Research Center, MS 202A-4, Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000, (650) 604-5104; Fax (650) 604-2767.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. Padilla, Chief Patent Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, NASA Ames Research Center, MS 202A-4, Moffett