

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Cotton Dust Standard**

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Cotton Dust Standard," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site, <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-6929/ Fax: 202-395-6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the cotton dust standard and its information collection requirements is to provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to cotton dust. Employers must monitor employee exposure, reduce employee exposure to within permissible exposure limits, provide employees with medical examinations and training, and establish and maintain employee exposure monitoring and medical records.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally

cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1218-0061. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 5, 2011 (76 FR 61752).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1218-0061. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title of Collection:* Cotton Dust Standard.

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0061.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—Businesses or Other For-Profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 281.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 53,622.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 20,558.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$2,449,194.

Dated: February 22, 2012.

**Michel Smyth,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

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**Era Systems, LLC, Formerly Era Systems Corporation, a Subsidiary of Systems Research and Applications Corporation, Syracuse, NY; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By application dated February 2, 2012, a worker requested administrative reconsideration of the negative determination regarding workers' eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) applicable to workers and former workers of Era Systems, LLC, formerly Era Systems Corporation, a subsidiary of Systems Research and Applications Corporation, Syracuse, New York (hereafter referred to as "Era Systems, LLC" or "the subject firm"). The determination was issued on January 13, 2012 and the Department's Notice of determination will soon be published in the **Federal Register**.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the findings that imports of services like or directly competitive with the services supplied by the firm have not increased; there has not been a shift to a foreign country of services like or directly competitive with the research and development services supplied by the firm; and there has not been an acquisition from a foreign country of services like or directly competitive with the research and development services supplied by the firm. The investigation also revealed that Era Systems, LLC is not a Supplier or Downstream Producer to a firm that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a).

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner supplied new information regarding a possible shift to/acquisition