

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOL Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labor, presented by the Secretary of Labor, is intended to recognize exceptional efforts to reduce the worst forms of child labor. The Award was created in response to a Senate Committee mandate directing the Secretary of Labor to establish an annual non-monetary award recognizing extraordinary efforts by an individual, company, organization, or national government to reduce the worst forms of child labor. The DOL is proposing to extend this ICR to allow the public to nominate and provide critical information on proposed candidates for this award who have demonstrated extraordinary efforts to combat the worst forms of child labor.

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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1290-0007. The current approval is scheduled to expire on December 31, 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 September 28, 2012 (77 FR 59668).

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 mention OMB Control Number 1290-0007. 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:* DOL.

*Title of Collection:* Solicitation of Nominations for the Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labor.

*OMB Control Number:* 1290-0007.

*Affected Public:* Private sector—businesses and other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 50.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 500.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$500.

Dated: December 12, 2012.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of Approval for South Carolina for Avoidance of 2012 Credit Reduction Under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Sections 3302(c)(2) and 3302(d)(3) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) provide that employers in a state that has an outstanding balance of advances under Title XII of the Social Security Act at the beginning of January 1 of two or more consecutive years are subject to a reduction in credits otherwise available against the FUTA tax for a calendar year, if a balance of advances remains at the beginning of November 10 of that year. Because the account of South Carolina in the Unemployment Trust Fund had a balance of advances at the beginning of January 1 of 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, and still had a balance of advances at the beginning of

November 10, 2012, South Carolina employers were potentially liable for a reduction in their FUTA offset credit for 2012.

Section 3302(g) of FUTA provides that a state may avoid credit reduction for a year by meeting certain criteria. South Carolina applied for avoidance of the 2012 credit reduction under this section. Pursuant to delegation of authority to me under Secretary's Order 06-2010, I have determined that South Carolina meets all of the criteria of section 3302(g) and thus qualifies for credit reduction avoidance. Therefore, South Carolina employers will have no reduction in FUTA offset credit for calendar year 2012.

Dated: Signed in Washington, DC, on this 7th day of December, 2012.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of a Virtual Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA)

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of a virtual meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 10), notice is hereby given to announce an open virtual meeting of the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA) on January 17, 2013, which can be accessed from the Office of Apprenticeship's (OA) homepage: <http://www.doleta.gov/oa/>. The ACA is a discretionary committee established by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with FACA, as amended in 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and its implementing regulations (41 CFR 101-6 and 102-3). All meetings of the ACA are open to the public. A virtual meeting of the ACA provides a cost savings to the government while still offering a venue that allows for public participation and transparency, as required by FACA.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at approximately 1 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, January 17, 2013, and will adjourn at approximately 3 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Official, Mr. John V. Ladd, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship, Employment and

Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-5311, Washington, DC 20210, Telephone: (202) 693-2796, (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This virtual meeting will take place via webinar and audio-video conferencing technology. Web and audio instructions to participate in this meeting will be prominently posted on the OA homepage: <http://www.doleta.gov/oa/>. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. For members of the public wishing to attend in person, a listening room with limited seating will be made available upon request. The location for the listening room will be: U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

The agenda may be updated should priority items come before the Committee between the time of this publication and the scheduled date of the ACA meeting.

All meeting updates will be posted to OA's homepage: <http://www.doleta.gov/oa/>. All meeting participants, whether attending virtually or in person, should submit a notice of intention to attend by Thursday, January 17, 2013, via email to Mr. John V. Ladd at [oa.administrator@dol.gov](mailto:oa.administrator@dol.gov), subject line "Virtual ACA Meeting." The webinar will be limited to 200 participants, unless OA receives more than 200 submissions to attend. If individuals have special needs and/or disabilities that will require special accommodations, please contact Kenya Huckaby on (202) 693-3795 no later than Thursday, January 17, 2013.

Any member of the public who wishes to file written data or comments pertaining to the agenda may do so by sending the data or comments to Mr. John V. Ladd via email at [oa.administrator@dol.gov](mailto:oa.administrator@dol.gov), subject line "Virtual ACA Meeting," or submitting to the Office of Apprenticeship, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5311, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Such submissions will be included in the record for the meeting if received by Thursday, January 17, 2013.

#### **Purpose of the Meeting and Topics To Be Discussed**

The primary purpose of the meeting is to provide the ACA with an opportunity to reconvene to discuss and finalize their recommendations to the Secretary of Labor, and to consider additional

reports, white papers, and upcoming events. The meeting agenda will include the following:

- Final Recommendations and Report to the Secretary on 21st Century Registered Apprenticeship
- Finalize and Approve a White Paper on Supporting Partnerships with Sponsors of Registered Apprenticeship and Community Based Organizations (CBO)
- Update on Efforts to Improve Opportunities for Veterans
- Other Matters of Interest to the Apprenticeship Community
- Public Comment

Any member of the public who wishes to speak at the meeting should indicate the nature of the intended presentation and the amount of time needed by furnishing a written statement to the Designated Federal Official, Mr. John V. Ladd, by Thursday, January 17, 2013. The Chairperson will announce at the beginning of the meeting the extent to which time will permit the granting of such requests.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6th day of December, 2012.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "Multiple Worksite Report and the Report of Federal Employment and Wages." 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 February 19, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202-691-5111 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See Addresses section.)

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program is a Federal/State cooperative effort which compiles monthly employment data, quarterly wages data, and business identification information from employers subject to State Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws. These data are collected from State Quarterly Contribution Reports (QCRs) submitted to State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). The States send micro-level employment and wages data, supplemented with the names, addresses, and business identification information of these employers, to the BLS. The State data are used to create the BLS sampling frame, known as the longitudinal QCEW data. This file represents the best source of detailed industrial and geographical data on employers and is used as the sampling frame for most BLS surveys. The longitudinal QCEW data include the individual employers' employment and wages data along with associated business identification information that is maintained by each State to administer the UI program as well as the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program.

The QCEW Report, produced for each calendar quarter, is a summary of these employer (micro-level) data by industry at the county level. Similar data for Federal Government employees covered by the UCFE program also are included in each State's report. These data are submitted by all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to the BLS which then summarizes these micro-level data to produce totals for the States and the Nation. The QCEW Report provides a