

should participate in a prehearing conference to be held on September 28, 2015 (if deemed necessary). Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), 207.24, and 207.66 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 business days prior to the date of the hearing.

**Written submissions.**—Each party to the reviews may submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.65 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is September 17, 2015. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.67 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is October 8, 2015. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the reviews may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the reviews on or before October 8, 2015. On October 29, 2015, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before November 2, 2015, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.68 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's Handbook on E-Filing, available on the Commission's Web site at <http://edis.usitc.gov>, elaborates upon the Commission's rules with respect to electronic filing.

Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to section 201.12 of the Commission's rules, shall not be accepted unless good cause is shown for accepting such submissions, or unless the submission is pursuant to a specific request by a Commissioner or Commission staff.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and

a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

**Authority:** These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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**Lisa R. Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Demonstration and Evaluation of the Short-Time Compensation (STC) Program (STC) Grants Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), 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 required 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. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 22, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either one of the following methods: *Email:* [ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov](mailto:ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov); *Mail or Courier:* Christina Yancey, Chief Evaluation Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of

your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christina Yancey by email at [ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov](mailto:ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 was signed into law on February 22, 2012. Subtitle D of Title II of the Act contains several provisions concerning the STC program, including Section 2166 requiring the Secretary of Labor to submit a final report to Congress on the implementation of the provisions of Subtitle D no later than four years after the date of enactment.

The STC program is an option within the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system that allows employers to reduce the hours of workers, while permitting workers to receive partial UI benefits for the non-worked hours. The objective of STC is to avoid layoffs during periods of reduced labor demand and thereby allow businesses to maintain their operations, retain valued employees, and prevent company morale from deteriorating. The program was first initiated in California in 1978 and a temporary national STC program was adopted in 1982 under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA, P.L. 97-248). The STC program became permanent in Federal law in 1992, when states were permitted to adopt their own STC programs as part of State UI laws. Under Section 303(a)(5) of the Social Security Act and Section 3304(a)(4) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Unemployment Trust Fund can pay for STC. Each state has an account within the Fund from which it pays UI benefits.

The Employment and Training Administration's Office of Unemployment Insurance has oversight responsibility for the STC program. The Chief Evaluation Office of the Department of Labor (DOL) is conducting a rigorous demonstration and impact evaluation of the STC

programs in two states, Iowa and Oregon, to better understand the reasons for low take-up of STC and to evaluate the effectiveness of strategies to increase employer use. DOL is requesting clearance for two aspects of information collection: (1) To conduct in-depth interviews with state agency officials and employers, and (2) to survey employers on STC program awareness and participation. These data collections are essential elements of the implementation study and the rigorous impact evaluation of the demonstration of the STC program.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the demonstration and evaluation of the

short-term compensation program. Comments are requested to:

- \* 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 information collection on those who are to respond, including 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**

At this time, the Department of Labor is requesting clearance for data collection for the demonstration and evaluation of the short-term compensation program via collection of post-implementation data elements and fieldwork efforts.

*Type of review:* New information collection request.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0NEW.  
*Affected Public:* Private Sector Employers eligible for enrollment within the Short-Time Compensation Program; and Public Sector State Agency Personnel engaged in the Short-Time Compensation Program.

**ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS**

Form/activity	Estimated total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden hours
State Agency Personnel interviews .....	30	Once .....	30	.67	20
Employer interviews .....	28	Once .....	28	.83	23.3
Employer Short-form survey .....	2,000	Once .....	2,000	.034	67.7
Employer Long-form survey .....	800	Once .....	800	.2	160
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>271</b>

Comments submitted in response to this request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval; they will also become a matter of public record.

**Mary Beth Maxwell,**  
*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. OSHA-2015-0005]

**Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health (FACOSH)**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health invites interested individuals to submit nominations for membership on FACOSH.

**DATES:** You must submit (postmarked, sent, transmitted, or received) your nominations by May 15, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and supporting materials using one of the following methods:

*Electronically:* You may submit nominations, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the federal eRulemaking portal. Follow the online instructions for submitting nominations;

*Facsimile:* If your nominations and supporting materials and attachments do not exceed 10 pages, you may FAX them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648;

*Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger or courier service:* You may send nominations and supporting materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2015-0005, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (TTY number (877) 889-5627). Deliveries by hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service are accepted during the Department of Labor's and OSHA Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m., ET.

*Instructions:* Your submissions and supporting materials must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** notice. Due to security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may experience significant delays. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about special security procedures for submitting materials by mail, express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger or courier service. For additional information on submitting nominations and supporting materials, see the Supplementary Information section of this notice. OSHA will post all submissions, including any personal information you provide, without change on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

To read or download submissions in response to this **Federal Register** notice, go to Docket No. OSHA-2015-0005, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed in the index of that Web site; however, some documents (e.g., copyrighted materials) are not publicly available to read or download there. All submissions, including copyrighted