

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
92115	International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) (State/One-Stop).	Hartford, CT	08/17/16	08/16/16
92116	Eaton Corporation (State/One-Stop)	Belmond, IA	08/18/16	08/09/16
92117	WestRock (State/One-Stop)	Jacksonville, FL	08/18/16	08/17/16
92118	CVG Alabama, LLC (Company)	Piedmont, AL	08/18/16	06/24/16
92119	Bergstrom Inc. (Company)	Joliet, IL	08/18/16	08/17/16
92120	Reliable Drilling Fluids, LLC (State/One-Stop)	Denver, CO	08/18/16	08/17/16
92121	NCR (Workers)	Duluth, GA	08/18/16	07/20/16
92122	Manitowoc FSG Operations LLC (Company)	Sellersburg, IN	08/18/16	08/18/16
92123	Bayer Cropsience LP (Union)	Institute, WV	08/19/16	08/18/16
92124	PanJit Americas, Inc. (Workers)	Tempe, AZ	08/19/16	08/18/16

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Wage and Hour Division

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Information Collections: Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act

AGENCY: Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension and revision of the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Information Collections: Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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. A copy of the proposed information request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before January 9, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Control Number 1235-0001, by either one of the following methods: *Email:* WHDPRAComments@dol.gov; *Mail, Hand Delivery, Courier:* Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S.

Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 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 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Waterman, Compliance Specialist, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-0023 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor administers the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. 201, *et seq.*, which sets the Federal minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and youth employment standards of most general application. *See* 29 U.S.C. 206; 207; 211; 212. Section 11(d) of the FLSA authorizes the Secretary of Labor to regulate, restrict or prohibit industrial homework as necessary to prevent circumvention or evasion of the minimum wage requirements of the Act. 29 U.S.C. 211(d). The Department of

Labor (DOL) restricts homework in seven industries (*i.e.*, knitted outerwear, women's apparel, jewelry manufacturing, gloves and mittens, button and buckle manufacturing, and embroideries) to those employers who obtain certificates. *See* 29 CFR 530.1-2. The DOL may also issue individual certificates in any industry for an individual homemaker who is unable to leave home because of a disability [or must remain at home to care for a person with a disability in the home.] *See* 29 CFR 530.3-4. The DOL allows employers to obtain general (employer) certificates to employ homeworkers in all restricted industries, except women's apparel and hazardous jewelry manufacturing operations. *See* 29 CFR 530.101. Consistent with FLSA sections 11(d) and 14(c), the DOL's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) regulates the employment of industrial homeworkers and workers with disabilities covered by special certificates and governs the application and approval process for obtaining the certificates. Note that the Department proposes to revise this collection to allow for electronic submission of the data on the WH-226 and WH-226A. These forms are currently only available in paper form.

The FLSA also requires that the Secretary of Labor, to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of employment opportunities, provide certificates authorizing the employment of full-time students at not less than 85 percent of the applicable minimum wage or less than \$1.60, whichever is higher, in (1) retail or service establishments and agriculture (29 U.S.C. 214(b)(1); 29 CFR 519.11(a)). The FLSA and the regulations set forth the application requirements as well as the terms and conditions for the employment of full-time students at subminimum wages under certificates and temporary authorization to employ such students at subminimum wages. The subminimum wage programs are designed to increase employment opportunities for full-time students.

Regulations issued by the DOL, Office of Apprenticeship no longer permit the payment of subminimum wages to apprentices in an approved program. 29 CFR 29.5(b)(5). Thus, the DOL has issued no apprentice certificates since 1987. However, the WHD must maintain the information collection in order for the agency to fulfill its statutory obligation under FLSA to maintain this program. This information collection is currently approved for use through May, 2017.

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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- 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;
- 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 an approval for the extension and revision of this information collection in order to ensure effective administration of the government contract programs.

Type of Review: Extension and Revision.

Agency: Wage and Hour Division.

Title: Information Collections: Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

OMB Number: 1235-0001.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 336,607.

Total Annual Responses: 1,345,307.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 691,315.

Estimated Time per Response: various.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Total Burden Cost (operation/maintenance): \$3,498.

Dated: November 3, 2016.

Melissa Smith,

Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation and Interpretation.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor.

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). 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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection: Application for Approval of a Representative's Fee in Black Lung Claim Proceedings Conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor (CM-972). 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 9, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-3323, Washington, DC 20210, telephone/fax (202) 354-9647, Email Ferguson.Yoon@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: Individuals filing for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA) may elect to be represented or assisted by an attorney or other

representative. For those cases that are approved, 30 U.S.C. 901 of the Black Lung Benefits Act and 20 CFR 725.365-6 established standards for the information and documentation that must be submitted to the Program for review to approve a fee for services. The CM-972 is used to collect the pertinent data to determine if the representative's services and amounts charged can be paid under the Black Lung Act. This information collection is currently approved for use through March 31, 2017.

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 approval for the extension of this currently-approved information collection in order to gather information to determine the amounts of Black Lung benefits paid to beneficiaries. Black Lung amounts are reduced dollar for dollar, for other Black Lung related workers' compensation awards the beneficiary may be receiving from State or Federal programs.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

Title: Application for Approval of a Representative's Fee in Black Lung Claim Proceedings Conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor.

OMB Number: 1240-0011.

Agency Number: CM-972.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 338.

Total Annual Responses: 338.

Average Time per Response: 42 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 237.

Frequency: On occasion.

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