

least as much as the employer would charge for providing the worker with three meals a day during employment (if applicable). The minimum daily travel subsistence expense for meals may in no event be less than the amount permitted under § 655.173(a), *i.e.*, the charge annually adjusted by the 12-month percentage change in CPI-U for Food.

The Department bases the maximum meals component of the daily travel subsistence expense on the standard minimum Continental United States (CONUS) per diem rate as established by the General Services Administration (GSA). The CONUS minimum meals component, reported as Meals and Incidental Expenses, remains \$51.00 per day for 2017.<sup>4</sup> Workers who qualify for travel reimbursement are entitled to reimbursement for meals up to the CONUS meal rate when they provide receipts. In determining the appropriate amount of reimbursement for meals for less than a full day, the employer may provide for meal expense reimbursement, with receipts, up to 75 percent of the maximum reimbursement for meals, or \$38.25, based on the GSA per diem schedule. If a worker has no receipts, the employer is not obligated to reimburse above the minimum stated at 20 CFR 655.173 as specified above.

The term "subsistence" includes both meals and lodging during travel to and from the worksite. Therefore, an H-2A employer is responsible for providing (either paying in advance or reimbursing a worker) the reasonable costs of transportation and daily subsistence between the employer's worksite and the place from which the worker comes to work for the employer, if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period, and upon the worker completing the contract or being dismissed without cause, return costs. Similarly, an H-2B employer is responsible for providing (either paying in advance or reimbursing a worker) the reasonable costs of transportation and daily subsistence between the employer's worksite and the place from which the worker comes to work for the employer, if the worker completes 50 percent of the job order period of employment, and upon the worker completing the job order period of employment or being dismissed early, return costs. In those instances where a worker must travel to obtain a visa so that the worker may enter the U.S. to come to work for the employer, the employer must pay for the

transportation and daily subsistence costs of that part of the travel as well.

Employers are required to assume responsibility for the reasonable costs associated with the worker's travel, including transportation, food, and, in those instances where it is necessary, lodging. The minimum and maximum daily travel meal reimbursement amounts are established above. If transportation and lodging are not provided by the employer, the amount an employer must pay for transportation and, where required, lodging, must be no less than (and is not required to be more than) the most economical and reasonable costs. The employer is responsible for those costs necessary for the worker to travel to the worksite if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period, but is not responsible for unauthorized detours, and if the worker completes the contract or is dismissed as described above, return transportation and subsistence costs, including lodging costs where necessary. This policy applies equally to instances where the worker is traveling within the U.S. to the employer's worksite.

For further information on when the employer is responsible for lodging costs, please see the Department's H-2A Frequently Asked Questions on Travel and Daily Subsistence, which may be found on the OFLC Web site: <http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO): Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the ACVETEO. The ACVETEO will discuss the DOL core programs and services that assist veterans seeking employment and raise employer awareness as to the advantages of hiring veterans. There will be an opportunity for individuals or organizations to address the committee. Any individual or organization that wishes to do so should contact Mr. Gregory Green at 202-693-4734.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify the Advisory Committee no later than Wednesday, April 26, 2017 by contacting Mr. Gregory Green at 202-693-4734. Requests made after this date will be reviewed, but availability of the requested accommodations cannot be guaranteed. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This Notice also describes the functions of the ACVETEO. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

**DATES:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, Conference Room N3437 A, B, C and D. Members of the public are encouraged to arrive early to allow for security clearance into the Frances Perkins Building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gregory Green, Assistant Designated Federal Official for the ACVETEO, (202) 693-4734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ACVETEO is a Congressionally mandated advisory committee authorized under Title 38, U.S. Code, Section 4110 and subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended. The ACVETEO is responsible for: assessing employment and training needs of veterans; determining the extent to which the programs and activities of the U.S. Department of Labor meet these needs; assisting to conduct outreach to employers seeking to hire veterans; making recommendations to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for VETS, with respect to outreach activities and employment and training needs of Veterans; and carrying out such other activities necessary to make required reports and recommendations. The ACVETEO meets at least quarterly.

**Agenda**

9:30 a.m. Welcome and remarks, Sam Shellenberger, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training  
9:35 a.m. Administrative Business, Mika Cross, Designated Federal Official

<sup>4</sup> See Maximum Per Diem Rates for the Continental United States (CONUS), 81 FR 54805 (August 17, 2016); see also <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>.

9:40 a.m. Transition and Training Subcommittee Briefing

10:10 a.m. Direct Services Subcommittee briefing

10:40 a.m. Barriers to Employment Subcommittee Briefing

11:10 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. USERRA presentation from Deputy Director Kenan Torrans of Compliance Programs

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. BLS brief on the 2016 Employment Situation of Veterans

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Subcommittee Discussion/Assignments, ACVETEO Chairman

3:15 p.m. Public Forum, Timothy Green Designated Federal Official

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

*Security Instructions:* Meeting participants should use the visitors entrance to access the Frances Perkins Building, one block north of Constitution Avenue at 3rd and C Streets NW. For security purposes meeting participants must:

1. Present a valid photo ID to receive a visitor badge.
2. Know the name of the event being attended: The meeting event is the Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO).
3. Visitor badges are issued by the security officer at the Visitor Entrance located at 3rd and C Streets NW. When receiving a visitor badge, the security officer will retain the visitor's photo ID until the visitor badge is returned to the security desk.
4. Laptops and other electronic devices may be inspected and logged for identification purposes.
5. Due to limited parking options, Metro's Judiciary Square station is the easiest way to access the Frances Perkins Building.

*Notice of Intent To Attend the Meeting:* All meeting participants are being asked to submit a notice of intent to attend by Friday, April 28, 2017, via email to Mr. Gregory Green at [green.gregory.b@dol.gov](mailto:green.gregory.b@dol.gov), subject line "May 2017 ACVETEO Meeting."

Signed in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of April 2017.

**Sam Shellenberger,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management, Veterans' Employment and Training Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Division of Longshore and Harbor 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 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). 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 (OWCP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Request for Examination and/or Treatment (LS-1). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before June 12, 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](mailto:Ferguson.Yoon@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. *Background:* The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). The Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employee in loading, unloading, repairing or building a vessel. In addition, several acts extend coverage to certain other employees.

Under section 7 (33 U.S.C., Chapter 18, Section 907) of the Longshore Act the employer/insurance carrier is

responsible for furnishing medical care for the injured employee for such period of time as the injury or recovery period may require. Form LS-1 serves two purposes: It authorizes the medical care, and it provides a vehicle for the treating physician to report the findings, treatment given, and anticipated physical condition of the employee. This information collection is currently approved for use through August 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 extension of approval of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to verify authorized medical care and entitlement to compensation benefits.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Request for Examination and/or Treatment.

*OMB Number:* 1240-0029.

*Agency Number:* LS-1.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

*Total Respondents:* 15,000.

*Total Annual Responses:* 45,000.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:*

48,735.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 65 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):*

\$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$1,482,858.

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.