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DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–OSHA.

Title of Collection: Permit-Required Confined Spaces.

OMB Control Number: 1218–0203.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 221,852.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 14,404,596.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 2,110,225 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$665,700.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Registration for EFAST–2 Credentials

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before October 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this

notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Howell by telephone at 202–693–6782, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) section 104 requires administrators of employee benefits plans (pension and welfare plans) and employers sponsoring certain fringe benefit plans and other plans of deferred compensation to file returns/reports annually with the Secretary of Labor concerning the financial condition and operation of plans. Reporting requirements are satisfied by filing the Form 5500 in accordance with its instructions and the related regulations. Form 5500 filings are processed under the ERISA Filing Acceptance System 2 (EFAST–2), which is designed to simplify and expedite the receipt and processing of the Form 5500 by relying on internet-based forms and electronic filing technologies.

In order to file electronically, employee benefit plan Filing authors, Schedule authors, Filing signers, Form 5500 transmitters, and entities developing software to complete and/or transmit the Form 5500 are required to register for EFAST–2 credentials through the EFAST2 website. The information requested for registration includes: Applicant type (Filing Author, Filing Signer, Schedule Author, Transmitter, or software developer); mailing address; fax number (optional); email address; company name, contact person; and daytime telephone number. Registrants must also provide an answer to a challenge question (“What is your date of birth?” or “Where is your place of birth?”), which enables users to retrieve forgotten credentials. In addition, registrants must accept a Privacy Agreement; PIN Agreement; and, under penalty of perjury, a Signature Agreement. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on February 5, 2024 (89 FR 7732).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the

methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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 the OMB approves it 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 OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–EBSA.

Title of Collection: Registration for EFAST–2 Credentials.

OMB Control Number: 1210–0117.

Affected Public: Private sector, Business or other for profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 91,723.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 91,723.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 30,574 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Older Workers Study Impact Evaluation, New Collection

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

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). 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 is properly assessed. Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) 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 December 2, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either one of the following methods: *Email:* ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov; *Mail or Courier:* Marie-Ellen Ehounou, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, 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. 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: Marie-Ellen Ehounou by email at ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov or by phone at (202) 693-5506.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. *Background:* The Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) intends to design and conduct an impact study of the Senior Community Service Employment Program Sector-based Training Grants Demonstration for Low-income Older Workers. This impact study is part of the larger Older Workers Study, which includes the following components:
- (1) A review of existing knowledge and data to inform evaluation activities,
 - (2) An implementation evaluation design,
 - (3) An early implementation study and in-depth implementation study of programs receiving the 2020 SCSEP grants,
 - (4) An impact evaluation that identifies an intervention for a pilot and rigorously evaluates the impact of the intervention on older workers' employment outcomes (primarily placement outcomes), and
 - (5) An evaluability assessment and potential future research options that would address important gaps in the evidence base related to employment services for older workers.

DOL's CEO contracted with Urban Institute and its partner Capital Research Corporation to conduct the Older Workers Study. This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on the proposed data collection instrument that will be used in the evaluation: the participant Baseline Information Form and informed consent for the Impact Study. DOL will submit additional requests for future data collection for the overall study.

II. *Desired Focus of Comments:* Currently, DOL is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the Older Workers Impact Study. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

- 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.
- 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—for example, permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. *Current Actions:* At this time, DOL is requesting clearance for a Baseline Information Form and informed consent form for participants in the Older Workers Impact Study.

Type of Review: New information collection request.

OMB Control Number: 1290-0NEW.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Comments submitted in response to this request 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.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Type of instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondents	Total number of responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Estimated burden hours	Average hourly wage (\$) ¹	Annual burden costs
Informed Consent and Baseline Information From ...	1,600	1	1,600	.25	400	17.25	\$2,900
Total	1,600	1	1,600	.25	400	17.25	2,900

¹ Hourly wage for participants is the minimum wage.

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