

to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1123-0010]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Request for Registration Under the Gambling Devices Act of 1962

AGENCY: Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Criminal Division, Department of Justice (DOJ), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until February 12, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Dawn Cauraugh, Office of Enforcement Operations, 1301 New York Avenue NW, Washington DC 20530, (202) 353-3993, dawn.cauraugh.usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 89044 on November 12, 2024, allowing a 60-day comment

period. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- 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/or
- 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.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website 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 and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number OMB 1123-0010. This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice, information collections currently under review by OMB.

DOJ 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 DOJ notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of This Information Collection:

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a previously approved collection.
2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request for Registration Under the Gambling Act of 1962 (15 U.S.C. 1171-1178).
3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* OMB No. 1123-0010 (7/31/2017); Office of Enforcement Operations.
4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*
[Affected Public: Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: Not-for-profit institutions, individuals or household, and State, Local, or Tribe Government. The form can be used by any entity required to register under the Gambling Devices Act of 1962 (15 U.S.C. 1171-1178).
Abstract: Under the Gambling Devices Act of 1962 (15 U.S.C. 1171-1178) mandates that the Department of Justice register all entities that participate in the interstate commerce of gambling devices. Registration involves the collection of certain information from the respondent, as specified in the Act.
5. *Obligation to Respond:* Gambling Devices Act of 1962, 15 U.S.C. 1171-1178.
6. *Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,800 of respondents.
7. *Estimated Time per Respondent:* 5 minutes.
8. *Frequency:* Annually.
9. *Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 650 hours.

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency (annually)	Total annual responses	Time per response (min)	Total annual burden (hours)
Form	7,800	1	7,800	5	650
Unduplicated Totals	7,800	1	7,800	5	650

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning

Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice,

Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218 Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 7, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2025-01; Exemption Application No. D-12084]

Exemption From Certain Prohibited Transaction Restrictions Involving United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC or the Applicant) Located in Washington, DC

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: This document gives notice of an individual exemption from certain prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). This exemption permits the Trustees of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Pension Fund (the Plan) to sell 19.25 acres of improved real property (the Property) on behalf of the Plan to the UBC for cash (the Sale).

DATES: The exemption will be in effect on January 13, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Anna Mpras Vaughan, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, (202) 693-8565 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: UBC requested an exemption pursuant to ERISA section 408(a) and Code section 4975(c)(2) and supplemented the request with certain additional information (that is collectively, referred to as the “Application”).¹ On October 1,

¹ The procedures that govern the Applicant’s request for an exemption (the Exemption Procedures) are set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B at 76 FR 66637, 66644 (October 27, 2011). Although the Applicant’s submission is being processed under the Exemption Procedures in effect as of December 27, 2011, the Exemption Procedures were recently amended at 89 FR 4662, 4691 (January 24, 2024). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978, 5 U.S.C. app. 1 (1996), transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue administrative exemptions under the Code section 4975(c)(2) to the Secretary of Labor. Accordingly, the Department grants this exemption under its sole authority. Furthermore, references herein to provisions of Title I of ERISA shall be deemed to refer to their applicable corresponding provision in Code section 4975, unless specified otherwise.

2024, the Department published a notice of proposed exemption in the **Federal Register** (the Proposed Exemption).²

Based on UBC’s representations in its Application and the administrative record, the Department has determined to grant the Proposed Exemption. This exemption provides only the relief specified herein and does not provide relief from violations of any law other than the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and the Code.

Benefits of the Exemption: The Department is granting relief based, in part, on UBC’s representations that the Plan will receive approximately \$4,317,500 to \$4,620,000 more in net proceeds by selling the property to UBC than it would receive in a sale to an unrelated third party. Other expected benefits to the Plan are described below.

As discussed below, the Department makes the requisite findings under ERISA section 408(a) based on the Applicant’s adherence to all the exemption’s conditions at all times. Accordingly, affected parties should be aware that the conditions incorporated in this exemption are necessary for the Department to grant the relief requested by the Applicant, and that the Department would not have granted this exemption without these conditions.

Background

1. The UBC is an international labor organization with 725 local unions (UBC Local Unions) and 37 councils (the UBC Councils). The UBC Local Unions are chartered by and affiliated with the UBC and represent the individual members of the UBC in their respective geographic area. Each UBC Council is affiliated with a UBC Local Union and the various UBC Councils are affiliated to the UBC by the UBC Constitution. According to the Applicant, the UBC Councils are separate legal entities from the UBC and the UBC does not control the UBC Councils that are affiliated with it. Further, the Applicant states that none of the trustees appointed by the UBC Councils are officers of the UBC, and no agency relationship exists between the UBC and the UBC Councils.

2. The Plan is a multiemployer defined benefit pension plan located in Las Vegas, Nevada.³ The Plan provides

² 89 FR 79953.

³ The Applicant states that the Plan elected to become a multiemployer plan in accordance with ERISA section 3(37)(G) and meets the legislative definition of a multiemployer plan under 3(37)(G)(vi). That section reads, “(vi) A plan is described in this clause if it is a plan sponsored by an organization which is described in section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 501(c)(5)] and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code 1986 [26 U.S.C. 501(a)] and

pension benefits to full-time officers or representatives employed by a UBC Local Union, UBC Council, other designated representatives of a UBC Local Union or UBC Council, or persons who are United States residents and are determined to be representative of, or professional, management, or confidential employees of, the UBC.⁴ As of December 31, 2022, the Plan had 4,627 participants and as of June 30, 2023, the Plan had approximately \$931,860,235 in assets. According to the Plan’s annual funding notice issued in April 2022, the Plan had a funded percentage of 99.3% as of January 1, 2021.

3. The Plan is sponsored and administered by a Board of Trustees (the Board) comprised of up of six (6) trustees who are current and former members of the UBC Executive Board (the UBC Trustees) and five (5) trustees who are appointed by officers of UBC Local Unions or UBC Councils (the Council Trustees).⁵ The UBC Trustees and the Council Trustees are referred to collectively as the “Trustees.” The Applicant represents that the UBC is an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan and an employer of employees who are covered by the Plan; therefore, it is a party in interest to the Plan pursuant to ERISA section 3(14)(C) and (D).

The Property

4. The Plan owns the Property through its wholly-owned limited liability company, Bermuda Hidden Well, LLC (Bermuda LLC), that was incorporated by the Plan on April 19, 2001 in the State of Delaware. Bermuda LLC was originally formed to hold real property on behalf of the Plan and is managed on behalf of the Plan by Washington Capital Management, Inc.

which was established in Chicago, Illinois, on August 12, 1881.” The United Brotherhood of Carpenters Pension Fund is sponsored by the UBC, which is a 501(c)(5) organization, tax exempt under Code section 501(a), and was established in Chicago, Illinois, on August 12, 1881.

⁴ Employees of the Carpenters International Training Fund, The International Labor-Management Committee for the Floor and Wall Covering Industry, the UBC National Job Corps Training Fund, The United Brotherhood of Carpenters Pension Fund, and the Carpenters Legislative Improvement Committee may also be eligible for participation in the Plan.

⁵ The Applicant represents that, unlike other multiemployer plans, the Plan is not maintained by a collective bargaining agreement and, therefore, is not a “Taft-Hartley” plan, pursuant to Labor Management Relations Act section 305(c)(5). Because the Trustees of the Plan are appointed by either the UBC or UBC Local Unions and UBC Councils, none of the Trustees could be considered “employer representatives,” which would be required for the Plan to constitute a Taft-Hartley multiemployer plan.