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Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ES, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10325, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of response.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of Annual State Plans for FY 1999 Welfare-to-Work Formula Grants.

OMB Number: 1205-NEW.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 54.

Total Responses: 54.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 540 hours.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: -0-.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): -0-.

Description: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997, signed by the President on August 5, 1997, authorizes the Department of Labor to provide Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grants to States and local communities to provide transitional employment assistance to move Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients with significant employment barriers into unsubsidized jobs providing long-term

employment opportunities. WtW funds will be provided through formula grants to States, grants to Indian tribes and competitive grants to public and private entities. This planning guidance addresses the requirements necessary for States' plans to received the formula grant funds in fiscal year 1999. Separate guidance will be issued for both the grants to Indian tribes and the competitive grants.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Welfare-to-Work Competitive Grants: Solicitation for Grant Applications.

OMB Number: 1205-0387.

Form Number: ETA 9070.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Number of Respondents: 600.

Total Responses: 600.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 12,000.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: -0-

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 480,000.

Description: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 authorized the Department of Labor to provide Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grants which include both formula grants to States and localities, and competitive grants local communities. These grants are intended to help support achievement of the welfare reform goals within the Personal Responsibility and Work Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996. Under the WtW grants programs, approximately 25% of funds not allocated by the formula grants (to States and localities) will be awarded directly to the local governments, Private Industry Councils (PICs), political subdivisions and private entities. Those private entities who apply must submit an application in conjunction with the applicable PIC or political subdivision and in consultation with the Governor.

ETA Form 9070, to be submitted by all applications for WtW competitive grant funds, provides a one-page synopsis of each project, including organizational type, contact information, service area and characteristics, areas of special interest to the Department that will be addressed by the proposed project, and proposed outcomes.

Todd R. Owen,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Attestations by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities at Locations in the State of Alaska

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, 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), 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). 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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to the collection of information on the Attestation by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers to Perform Longshore Work at Locations in the State of Alaska. 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 July 20, 1998.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection 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 collections techniques or other forms of information, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions regarding the collection of information on Form ETA 9033-A, Attestation by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities in the State of Alaska, should be directed to James Norris, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certifications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4456, Washington, DC 20210 ((202) 219-5263 (this is not a toll-free number)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The information collection is required due to amendments to section 258 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*) (INA). The amendments created an Alaska exception to the general prohibition on the performance of longshore work by alien crewmembers in U.S. ports. Under the Alaska exception, before any employer may use alien crewmembers to perform longshore work in the State of Alaska, it must submit an attestation to ETA containing the elements prescribed by the INA.

The INA further requires that the Department make available for public examination in Washington, DC, a list of employers which have filed attestations, and for each such employer, a copy of the employer's attestation and accompanying documentation it has received.

II. Current Actions

In order for the Department to meet its statutory responsibilities under the INA there is a need for an extension of an existing collection of information pertaining to employers' seeking to use alien crewmembers to perform longshore activities at locations in the State of Alaska.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

Title: Attestations by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities at Locations in the State of Alaska.

OMB Number: 1205-0352.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Form: Form ETA 9033-A.

Total Respondents: 350.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Total Response: 350.

Average Burden Hours Per Response:

3.

Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,050.

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.

Signed at Washington DC this 15th day of May, 1998.

John R. Beverly, III,

Director, U.S. Employment Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Labor Condition Applications and Requirements for Employers Using Nonimmigrants on H-1B Visas in Specialty Occupations and as Fashion Models

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, 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), 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). 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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to the collection of information on the Labor Condition Application for H-1B nonimmigrants. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSE** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

ADDRESSE section below on or before July 20, 1998.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

◀ Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

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ADDRESSES: Comments and questions regarding the collection of information on Form ETA 9035, Labor Condition Application for H-1B Nonimmigrants, should be directed to James Norris, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certifications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4456, Washington, D.C. 20210 ((202) 219-5263 (this is not a toll-free number)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA) requires that before any alien may be admitted or otherwise provided status as an H-1B nonimmigrant, the prospective employer must have filed with the Department a labor condition application stating that they will offer prevailing wages and working conditions, that there is not a strike or lockout in the course of a labor dispute in the occupational classification at the place of employment, and that they have provided notice of such filing to the bargaining representative or, if there is none, by posting notice of filing in conspicuous locations at the place of employment. Further, the employer must make certain documentation available for public examination. Complaints may be filed with the Department alleging a violation of the labor condition application process. If reasonable cause is found to believe a violation has been committed, the Department will conduct an investigation and, if appropriate, assess penalties. The INA places a limit of