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Signed at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of January 1999.

John Frank,

Acting Chief, Branch, of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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 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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Report on Occupational Employment." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual 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 March 30, 1999.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey is a Federal/State establishment survey of wage and salary workers designed to produce data on

current occupational employment and wages. OES survey data assist in the development of employment and training programs established by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) of 1982, and the Perkins Vocational Education Act of 1984.

The OES program operates a periodic mail survey of a sample of non-farm establishments conducted by all fifty States, Guam, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands. Over three-year periods, data on occupational employment and wages are collected by industry at the two- and three-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) levels. The Department of Labor uses OES data in the administration of the Alien Labor Certification process under the Immigration Act of 1990.

II. Current Actions

BLS plans to make a major change to occupations surveyed in 1999 by incorporating the 1998 edition of the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) manual in place of the OES Dictionary. Research also is underway to evaluate any changes needed to specific industry forms to prepare for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to be introduced in the 2002 OES survey. This research may result in the reduction of the number of industry forms and the introduction of an unstructured form (a form without occupations listed, sent to small establishments only) for the 1999 survey. BLS and the States are considering changes to the mail questionnaire in order to reduce respondent burden, including the addition or deletion of requests for certain survey items. Research is being conducted on the collection of OES data by electronic means, including the Internet. BLS plans to conduct a Response Analysis Survey (RAS) to examine data collection procedures. This will be the first examination of such procedures since 1989.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Report on Occupational Employment.

OMB Number: 1220-0042.

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

Frequency: Annual.

Forms	Number of responding units	Response time (minutes)	Annual burden hours	Annual burden hours three-year average
BLS 2877:				
FY 2000	340,000	.....	255,000	.....
FY 2001	340,000	45	255,000	255,000
FY 2002	340,000	.....	255,000	.....
BLS 2877 RAS:				
FY 2000	4,000	.....	933	.....
FY 2001	4,000	14	933	622
FY 2002	0	.....	0	.....
Total:				
FY 2000	344,000	59	255,933	.....
FY 2001	344,000	.....	255,933	255,622
FY 2002	340,000	45	255,000	.....

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/
maintenance):* \$0.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of January 1999.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Susan Harwood Training Grant Program—Shipyards

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and request for grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) awards funds to nonprofit organizations to conduct safety and health training and education in the workplace. This notice announces grant availability for training in safety and health programs for shipyards. The notice describes the scope of the grant program and provides information about how to get detailed grant application instructions. Applications should not be submitted without the applicant first obtaining the detailed grant application instructions mentioned later in the notice.

Section 21(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 670) authorizes this program.

DATES: Applications must be received by March 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit grant applications to the OSHA Office of Training and Education, Division of Training and Educational Programs, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Mouw, Chief, Division of Training and Educational Programs, or Don Guerra, Program Analyst, OSHA Office of Training and Education, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, telephone (847) 297-4810, e-mail don.guerra@oti.osha.gov.

GRANTS CONFERENCE: The OSHA Office of Training and Education will hold a grants conference to assist potential applicants to understand the grant topic and answer questions pertaining to completing an application. The grants conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 18, 1999, at the OSHA Office of Training and Education, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. Persons interested in attending this conference should contact Ronald Mouw, Chief, Division of Training and Educational Programs, or Don Guerra, Program Analyst, at (847) 297-4810, or e-mail don.guerra@oti.osha.gov to obtain information about local hotel accommodations and transportation. It is not necessary to register for this conference.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What is the Purpose of the Program

Susan Harwood Training Grants provide funds to train workers and employers to recognize, avoid, and prevent safety and health hazards in their workplaces. The program emphasizes three areas.

- Educating workers and employers in small businesses. A small business has 250 or fewer workers.
- Training workers and employers about new OSHA standards.
- Training workers and employers about high risk activities or hazards identified by OSHA through the priority

planning process or otherwise, or as part of an OSHA special emphasis program.

Grantees are expected to develop training and/or educational programs that address topics named by OSHA, recruit workers and employers for the training, and conduct the training. Grantees will also be expected to follow-up with people who have been trained to find out what, if any, changes were made to reduce hazards in their workplaces as a result of the training.

What is the Training Topic

The purpose of this notice is to announce that funds are available for grants. The topic is recognition and avoidance of shipyard-related safety and health hazards. Each grant application must address one of the following shipyard safety and health topics:

1. Shipbuilding and ship repair. Safety and health hazards affecting workers in Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 3731 who build or repair ocean-going vessels.
2. Shipbreaking/ship scrapping. Safety and health hazards affecting workers in SIC 4499 who are involved with Navy ship scrapping contracts or other shipbreaking/ship scrapping contracts involving ocean-going vessels.

In both the shipyard safety and health topics, the areas of primary concern are confined space entry, respiratory protection, welding, fire protection, fall protection, crane safety, asbestos removal, lead abatement, electrical safety, and hazard communication. It is permissible to cover other safety and health topics, but grants should emphasize the topics of primary concern.

Who is Eligible to Apply for a Grant

Any nonprofit organization that is not an agency of a State or local government is eligible to apply. However, State or local government supported institutions of higher education are eligible to apply in accordance with 29 CFR 97.4(a)(1).