

limited relief against a respondent found in default unless, after consideration of public interest factors, it finds that such relief should not issue. If the Commission decides to issue a limited exclusion order, it must consider what the amount of the bond should be during the Presidential review period.

In connection with the final disposition of this investigation, the only potential remedy is a limited exclusion order that would result in the exclusion of sprinklers manufactured by Watex from entry into the United States. Accordingly, the Commission is interested in receiving written submissions that address the scope of such an order. If a party seeks exclusion of an article from entry into the United States for purposes other than entry for consumption, it should so indicate and provide information establishing that activities involving other types of entry either are adversely affecting it or likely to do so. For background, see *In the Matter of Certain Devices for Connecting Computers via Telephone Lines*, Inv. No. 337-TA-360, USITC Pub. No. 2843 (December 1994) (Commission Opinion).

If the Commission contemplates a remedy, it must consider the effects of that remedy upon the public interest. The factors the Commission will consider in this investigation include the effect that a limited exclusion order would have on (1) the public health and welfare, (2) competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, (3) U.S. production of articles that are like or directly competitive with those that are subject to investigation, and (4) U.S. consumers. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving written submissions that address the aforementioned public interest factors in the context of this investigation.

If the Commission issues a limited exclusion order, the President has 60 days to approve or disapprove the Commission's action. During this period, the subject articles would be entitled to enter the United States under a bond, in an amount determined by the Commission and prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving submissions concerning the amount of the bond that should be imposed.

#### Written Submissions

The parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested parties are encouraged to file written submissions on remedy, the public interest, and bonding. Complainant and the Commission

investigative attorney are also requested to submit proposed limited exclusion orders for the Commission's consideration. The written submissions and proposed remedial orders must be filed no later than close of business on January 11, 2002. Reply submissions, if any, must be filed no later than the close of business on January 18, 2002. No further submissions on these issues will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Persons filing written submissions must file with the Office of the Secretary the original document and 14 true copies thereof on or before the deadlines stated above. Any person desiring to submit a document (or portion thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment unless the information has already been granted such treatment during the proceedings. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary of the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. See § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is sought will be treated accordingly. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and § 210.16 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.16.

Issued: December 11, 2001.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Disability Employment Policy; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed collection; Comment request; Employer Assistance Referral Network (EARN)

**AGENCY:** Office of Disability Employment Policy, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed collection.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation process 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 process helps ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burdens are minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed data collection for the following Employer Assistance Referral Network (EARN) forms: EARN Provider Enrollment Form; EARN Employer Enrollment Form; EARN Employer and Provider Surveys. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) 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 shown in the address section below on or before February 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Catherine Breitenbach, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy, 1331 F Street, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20004. Telephone: (202) 376-6200. This is not a toll-free number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Breitenbach, telephone: (202) 376-6200, e-mail: *Breitenbach-catherine@dol.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Employer Assistance Referral Network (EARN) is a new nationwide service designed to provide employers with a technical, educational, and informational resource to simplify and encourage the hiring of qualified workers. Historically, disability programs required employers to do much of the work in the finding and hiring of people with disabilities. The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) of the Department of Labor has designed EARN to alleviate these barriers and do much of the work for the employer.

EARN is a new service from the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) of the Department of Labor. This referral service links employers with providers who refer appropriate candidates with disabilities. The service is provided by means of a nationwide toll-free Call Center.

EARN is a service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy which was established pursuant to section 1(a)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554) (enacting

H.R. 5656, see Title I, "Departmental Management") 29 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*; 5 U.S.C. 301; and Executive Order 13187, "The President's Disability Employment Partnership Board (PDEPB) (January 10, 2001).

This service, and the data collection component is authorized pursuant to Pub. L. 106-554 which direct the Office of Disability Policy to provides initiatives such as EARN to "further the objective of eliminating employment barriers to the training and employment of people with disabilities".

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department 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 Action

*This proposed ICR covers four forms: EARN Provider Enrollment Form, EARN Employer Enrollment Form, EARN Employer Survey and EARN Provider Survey. The enrollment forms (Employer Enrollment and Provider Enrollment) will be used to enroll provider and employers who wish to participate and use this service. The surveys (Employer Survey and Provider Survey) will collect quantitative data on participants' levels of satisfaction with individual service elements and their satisfaction with the service as a whole. The surveys will also solicit free-text comments from participants regarding the service.*

*Agency:* U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy.

*Titles:* EARN Provider Enrollment Form, EARN Employer Enrollment Form, EARN Employer Survey, EARN Provider Survey.

*OMB Number:*

*Frequency:* Once.

*Affected Public:* Participating Employer and Service Providers.

*Number of Respondents:* EARN Provider Enrollment Form—6,000, EARN Employer Enrollment Form—7,500, EARN Employer Survey—300, EARN Provider Survey—300.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* EARN Provider Enrollment Form—20 minutes, EARN Employer Enrollment Form—20 minutes, EARN Employer Survey—20 minutes, EARN Provider Survey—20 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:*

EARN Provider Enrollment Form—1,980 hours, EARN Employer Enrollment Form—2,475 hours, EARN Employer Survey—100 hours, EARN Provider Survey—100 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0 for all.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* 0 for all.

*Description:* These surveys are designed to collect data from service providers and employers. For each provider, we will collect Point of Contact (POC) information and information about the types of clients the provider serves. We also request information about the size of the provider organization, whether a fee is charged for placement services, and employer references. For each employer, we will collect information about the number of employees, geographic location, industry, specific jobs offered, and Point of Contact (POC) information. The Employer Survey and Provider Survey will collect quantitative data on participants' levels of satisfaction with individual service elements and their satisfaction with the service as a whole. The surveys will also solicit free-text comments from participants regarding the service. We will present survey data in the aggregate for all Employers and Providers. We will combine survey data with system-generated data reports containing demographic data for the sample groups as well as performance data for the Call Center.

Signed at Washington, DC this 9th day of November, 2001.

**William J. Mea,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 6, 2001.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Marlene Howze at (202) 693-4158 or E-mail [Howze-Marlene@dol.gov](mailto:Howze-Marlene@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 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 responses.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

*Title:* BLS/OSHS Federal/State Cooperative Agreement (Application Package).

*OMB Number:* 1220-0149.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 57.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 285.

*Estimated Time Per Response and Total Burden Hours:*