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- 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: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

Title: Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation.

OMB Number: 1215-0023.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Number of Annual Response: 18,900.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 4,725.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$7,418.25.

Description: The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. This Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Pursuant to section 14(d) of the Act, and 20 CFR 702.251, if an employer controverts the right to compensation, he shall file with the district director in the affected compensation district on or before the fourteenth day after he has knowledge of the alleged injury or death, a notice, in accordance with a form prescribed by the Secretary, stating that the right to compensation is controverted.

Form LS-207 is used by insurance carriers and self-insured employers to controvert claims under the act. OWCP district offices use this information to determine the basis for not paying benefits in a case. It also informs the injured claimant of the reason(s) for not paying compensation benefits. If the information were not collected, our

district offices and claimants would have no way of knowing the reason(s) for controverting the right to compensation.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 17, 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 this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Darrin King on (202) 693-4129 or E-mail: *King-Darrin@dol.gov*.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ETA, 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, 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: New collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Workforce Flexibility (Work-Flex) Program.

OMB Number: 1205-ONEW.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: Annually and Quarterly.

Type of Response: Reporting.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Number of Annual Responses: 25.

Estimated Time Per Response: 160 hours to prepare and submit a Work-Flex Plan and 8 hours to prepare and submit quarterly reports.

Total Burden Hours: 960.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: In accordance with requirements specified in section 192 of the Workforce Investment Act (the Act) and 20 CFR 661.420 et seq, States may apply for a 5-year Work-Flex waiver authority to implement reforms to their workforce investment systems in exchange for program improvement. The Act provides that the Secretary may only grant Work-Flex waiver authority in consideration of a Work-Flex Plan submitted by a State. States granted Work-Flex authority are also required to submit quarterly reports that summarize waiver activities in the State.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services; Proposed Collection; Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs; Comment Request

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