

(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 ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). To obtain documentation, contact Ira Mills on 202-693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: mills.ira@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), 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.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Claim for Compensation by Departments Information Reports.

OMB Number: 1215-0155.

Frequency: On occasion; Semi-annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,880.

Number of Annual Responses: 1,880.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes to 90 minutes.

Burden Hours Total: 1,077.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

Description: The collection requirements are used by Federal employees and their dependents to claim benefits, to prove continued

eligibility for benefits, to show entitlement to remaining compensation payments of a deceased employee, and to show dependency.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, DOL.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is announcing that a collection of information regarding the Employee Benefit Plan Claims Procedure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This document announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerald B. Lindrew, U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-8414. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of October 6, 2003, the EBSA announced its intent to request renewal of its current OMB approval for the information collection request incorporated in the Employee Benefit Plan Claims Procedures under ERISA. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), OMB has renewed its approval for the information collection under OMB control number 1210-0053. The approval expires on February 28, 2007. Under 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Dated: March 16, 2004.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, DOL.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is announcing that a collection of information regarding the Annual Report for Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Entities Claiming Exception (Form M-1) has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This document announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For inquiries regarding the Form M-1 filing requirement, contact Amy J. Turner or Katina Lee, Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance, at (202) 693-8335. For inquiries regarding electronic filing capability, contact the EBSA computer help desk at (202) 693-8600. Questions on completing the form are being directed to the EBSA Form M-1 help desk at (202) 693-8360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of September 4, 2003, EBSA announced its intent to request renewal of its current OMB approval for the Annual Report for Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Entities Claiming Exception (Form M-1). In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), OMB has renewed its approval for the information collection under OMB control number 1210-0116. The approval expires on January 31, 2007. Under 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Dated: March 16, 2004.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

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