DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of Labor-Management Standards

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 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 Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection of information requirements of Labor Organization and Auxiliary Reports. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) and/or the reporting forms 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 August 30, 1996. The Department of Labor 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 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.

ADDRESS: John Kotch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N–5605, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219–7337 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax number: (202) 219–6459.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Congress enacted the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended (LMRDA), to provide for the disclosure of information on the financial transactions and administrative practices of labor organizations. The statute also provides, under certain circumstances, for reporting by labor organization officers and employees, employers, labor relations consultants, and surety companies. Section 208 of the LMRDA authorizes the Secretary to issue rules and regulations prescribing the form of the required reports. The reporting provisions were devised to implement a basic tenet of the LMRDA: the guarantee of democratic procedures and safeguards within labor organizations that are designed to protect the basic rights of union members. Section 205 of the LMRDA provides that the reports are public information.

Current Actions: The Department of Labor is seeking extension of the current approval of the collection of information with the minor modification of reducing the total burden hours by 61 due to the elimination of Form LM–6 (a signature sheet for labor organizations held in trusteeship). An extension is necessary because the LMRDA explicitly requires the reporting and establishes the frequency of the required filings. The information collected by OLMS is used by union members to help self-govern their unions, by the general public, and as research material for both outside researchers and within the Department of Labor. The information is also used to assist DOL and other government agencies in detecting improper practices on the part of labor organizations, their officers and/or representatives, and is used by Congress in oversight and legislative functions. OLMS receives approximately 800 requests per month for public disclosure of reports.

Type of Review: Extension.


Title: Labor Organization and Auxiliary Reports.

OMB Number: 1214–0001.

Agency Number: 1294.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Summary:
### Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):
There are no capital/startup costs. Any capital investments including computers and software are excluded from the regulatory definition of burden as capital investments which are usual and customary expenses incurred by persons in the normal course of their business.

### Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):
Total burden costs to respondents and recordkeepers is estimated to be $3,844,296. The cost estimates are based on wage rate data obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for personnel employed in service industries (i.e., accountant, accounting clerk, attorney, personnel manager/supervisor, etc.). The estimates used for labor union officials were obtained from the annual financial reports filed with OLMS.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

John Kotch,
Deputy Assistant Secretary.

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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

**Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment System of Records Notice**

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of amendment to existing system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) publishes this document pursuant to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 at 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) to update the existence and character of its government-wide system of records, MSPB/GOVT–1, Appeal and Case Records.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael H. Hoxie, Office of the Clerk of the Board, (202) 653–7200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice amends the text of MSPB/GOVT–1, Appeal and Case Records to reflect changes in the Board's organization, Office locations, telephone and fax numbers and the extension of the approved records disposition schedule from six to seven years.

Dated: June 26, 1996.

Robert E. Taylor,
Clerk of the Board.

**MSPB/GOVT–1**

**SYSTEM NAME:**
Appeals and Case Records.

**SYSTEM LOCATIONS:**
Office of the Clerk of the Board, Merit System Protection Board (MSPB), Information Resources Management Division, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20419, and the MSPB regional and field offices (see list of Office addresses in the Appendix).

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

a. Current and former Federal employees, applicants for employment, annuitants, and other individuals who have filed appeals with MSPB or its predecessor agency, or with respect to whom the Special Counsel or a Federal agency has petitioned MSPB concerning any matter over which MSPB has jurisdiction.

b. Current and former employees of state and local governments who have been investigated by the Special Counsel and have had a hearing before MSPB concerning possible violation of the Hatch Act.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

a. These records contain information or documents such as briefs, pleadings, motions, exhibits, hearing transcripts, and MSPB decisions, which comprise the administrative records of appeals and other matters arising under the adjudicatory authority of MSPB. These records also contain individual appellant's names, social security numbers, home addresses, veterans status, race, sex, national origin and disability status data.

b. This system also includes the Board's automated Case Management System. The system, resident on MSPB headquarters' minicomputer, which contains information from the above records, is used to record the location, history, status, and case processing information on cases brought before the Board for adjudication.

**Note.**—This system includes records and documents compiled by Federal agencies in processing adverse actions and actions based on unacceptable performance, covered by OPM/GOVT–3, when such actions are appealed to the MSPB.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

**PURPOSE:**

a. These records are used to document and adjudicate appeals and other matters arising under the MSPB original and appellate jurisdiction.

b. These records also serve a management information function by providing statistical data for reports, physical file location and staff productivity.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM:**

**In connection with the purpose for which the system was established:**

Information from the record may be disclosed: