

Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 13, 1997 (62 FR 32370).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to The National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993; OBI Consortium, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on March 3, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), OBI Consortium, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, 3M, St. Paul, MN; AllData Corporation, Elk Grove, CA; Amvet Inc., Lexington, KY; Commerce One, Walnut Creek, CA; Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, MA; Connect Inc., Mountain View, CA; Dell Computer Corporation, Round Rock, TX; Dun & Bradstreet, Parsippany, NJ; EPIC Systems Inc., Phoenix, AZ; Harbinger Corporation, Atlanta, GA; InterWorld Corporation, New York, NY; Mastercard International, Purchase, NY; PartNet, Salt Lake City, UT; Software Spectrum, Garland, TX; Vallen Corporation, Houston, TX; and W.H. Brady, Milwaukee, WI have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and OBI Consortium, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On September 10, 1997, OBI Consortium, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 1997 (62 FR 60531).

The last notification was filed with the Department on December 9, 1997. A notice was published in the **Federal**

Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 14, 1998 (63 FR 18335).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993; VSI Alliance

Notice is hereby given that, on February 27, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), VSI Alliance has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Advanced Bytes & Rights, Ltd., London, UNITED KINGDOM; ASIC Alliance Corporation, Burlington, MA; BOPS, Inc., Chapel Hill, NC; Canadian Microelectronics Corporation, Kingston, Ontario, CANADA; Chip & Chip, Inc., Santa Clara, CA; ChipLogic, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Cimaron Communications, Lawrence, MA; Credence Systems Corporation, Fremont, CA; Denso Corporation, Nukata-gun, Aichi Prefecture, JAPAN; Design & Reuse, Grenoble, FRANCE; Eigen Tek, Inc., Cherry Hill, NJ; Electronic Tools Company, Sonoma, CA; Fraunhofer Institute IMS, Dresden, GERMANY; Macronix International Co., Ltd. Hsinchu, Taiwan, R.O.C.; Microelectronics Research Institute PROGRESS, Moscow, RUSSIA; Pivotal Technologies, Pasadena, CA; Power X Limited, Sale, Cheshire, UNITED KINGDOM; Real 3D, Orlando, FL; SpaSE BV, Nijmegen, THE NETHERLANDS; Syntest Technologies, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Tundra Semiconductor Corporation, Kanata, Ontario, CANADA; and Virage Logic Corporation, Milpitas, CA have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Compass Design Automation, San Jose, CA; GEC Plessey, Plymouth, Devon, UNITED KINGDOM; and Tower Semiconductor Ltd., San Jose, CA have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research

project remains open, and VSI Alliance intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 27, 1996, VSI Alliance filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 4, 1997 (62 FR 9812).

The last notification was filed with the Department on November 19, 1997. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 14, 1998 (63 FR 18226).

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Submitted for Public Comment; Employment Services Report System

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration.

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 Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed ten month extension of the Employment Service Program Reporting System from the current end date of August 31, 1999 to a new end date of June 30, 2000.

A copy of the previously approved information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office 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 September 28, 1998.

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 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: John R. Beverly, III, United States Employment Service, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N4470, Washington, DC 20210, Tel. 202-219-5257, Fax 202-219-6643, E-mail jbeverly@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Information on basic labor exchange services is necessary to assure that the States are complying with legal requirements of the Wagner-Peyser Act as amended by the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). Program data items are required from States reporting to the Department of Labor as part of other information in order to determine if the States are complying with the basic labor exchange requirements.

Information regarding employment and training services provided to veterans by State public employment services agencies must be collected by the Department of Labor to satisfy legislative requirements, as follows: (a) to report annually to Congress on specific services (38 U.S.C. 2007(c) and 2012(c)); (b) to establish administrative controls (38 U.S.C. 2007 (b)); and (c) for administrative purposes. These data are reported on the VETS 200 A and B, the VETS 300, and Manager's reports.

II. Current Action

The Department is requesting an extension of the Employment Service Program Reporting System without changes to data elements, definitions, reporting instructions and/or reporting requirements from the current end date of August 31, 1999 to a new end date of June 30, 2000.

In response to the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, the national call for government programs to be more accountable and results oriented, the Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), United States Employment Services (USES) has taken the first step to establish performance measures for the public labor exchange programs and labor exchange function for the Workforce Development and One-Stop Career Center service delivery systems.

The United States Employment Service (USES) worked cooperatively with States and other stakeholders to develop program specific performance measures. Performance measures were proposed and comments from stakeholders were requested in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 32564-32578).

The proposed measures are a starting point for development of comprehensive measures for the labor

exchange function of the emerging Workforce Development system. It is the Department's intent to use the comments received to develop performance measures for implementation on July 1, 2000.

The effort to finalize the performance measures, to identify the data elements needed to produce the performance measures and to define specific changes to the ETA reporting requirements will take several months to accomplish the transition to a new reporting system. States will also need time to make the necessary procedural, reporting, and computer software changes that will be necessary. This may be complicated by State efforts to respond to necessary computer program changes for Year 2000 compliance.

In consideration of these issues, the Department is requesting an extension of the Employment Service Program Reporting System without changes from the current end date of August 31, 1999 to a new end date of June 30, 2000.

This is a request for OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) to extend collection of the Employment Service Program Reporting System data previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0240 and the data reporting for the ETA 9002 A, B, C, including the data reporting for the VETS 200 A and B, VETS 300, the manager's report on services to veterans and recordkeeping.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Employment Service Program Reporting System.

OMB Number: 1250-0240.

Total Respondents: 54 States and territories.

Estimated Burden Hours: 7213.

Reports	Respondents	Frequency	Total re-sponses	Average time per response (hours)	Burden (hours)
USES Rpt	54	Quarterly	216	2.75	594
VETS Rpt	54	Quarterly	216	.25	54
USES Rec	54	Annually	54	12.00	648
VETS 200A	54	Quarterly	216	.85	184
VETS 200B	54	Quarterly	216	.85	184
VETS 300	54	Quarterly	216	1.00	216
Mgt. Rpt	1,600	Quarterly	6,400	.83	5,333
TOTALS	7,534	7,213

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

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: July 24, 1998.
John R. Beverly, III,
Director, United States Employment Service,
U.S. Department of Labor.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Record of Individual Exposure to Radon Daughters

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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Record of Individual Exposure to Radon Daughters. MSHA 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 on 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to psilvey@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Theresa O'Malley, Program Analysis Office, Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mrs. O'Malley can be reached at tomalley@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

MSHA's primary goal is the protection of America's most precious resource, the miner. To achieve this goal, this agency has to keep information regarding the hazards faced and the progress made within the industry to develop and maintain a safe

and healthy work environment. Records concerning the health and welfare of miners are especially important, given that the nature of the exposure could result in medical complications later in the miner's life. To this end, the record keeping of Radon Daughters is essential information. Each year the industry records and reports the exposure levels that its workforce has faced during the past 12 months. This information is archived and stored for retrieval by the exposed party, or legal representative, should a medical release be deemed necessary. This reporting of the exposure numbers also serves to inform MSHA of the industry expansion or decrease as well as health threats incurred.

During the past calendar year MSHA has received an increased number of industry responses. These responses indicated that an increasing number of miners are being employed and exposed within this industry grouping. Concurrently, the United States economy is calling for production rates that are higher than those in recent years. The increase in production has resulted in a larger number of employees being exposed to Radon Daughters. MSHA needs to keep the recording requirements for Radon Daughters to ensure that the records regarding the miners' level of exposure today is available to them tomorrow and throughout their lifetimes.

II. Current Actions

This information collection needs to be extended to provide miners protection from radon daughter exposure.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Record of Individual Exposure to Radon Daughters.

OMB Number: 1219-0003.

Agency Number: MSHA 4000-9.

Recordkeeping: 2 years.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Cite/Reference	Total respondents	Frequency (weeks)	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Burden
Sampling	20	50	50	5.00	5,000
Recording Results	20	50	50	1.50	1,500
Calculating Reporting	20	50	50	1.25	1,250
Clerical	20	50	50	.25	250
Totals			50		8,000