

comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 4, 1999. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Stuart Shapiro, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530; 202-395-7316.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application to Preserve residence for Naturalization.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form N-470. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The information will be used to determine whether an alien who intends to be absent from United States for a period of one year or more is eligible to preserve residence for naturalization purposes.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time*

estimated for an average respondent to respond: 300 responses at 15 minutes (.25) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 75 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 2025-99]

Announcement of a Meeting on the Status of the Evaluation of the Employment Verification Pilots

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: On September 15, 1997, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) published a notice in the **Federal Register** describing pilot programs that are required by section 403 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA). The pilots include: (1) The Basic Pilot—requiring participating employers to verify employment authorization for all new employees, regardless of citizenship; (2) the Citizen Attestation Pilot; and (3) the Machine-Readable Document Pilot. The purpose of this notice is to announce to interested members of the public a

meeting on the current status of the evaluation of the Pilots and to solicit comments and suggestions on the proposed methodology for the Basic Pilot.

DATE AND TIME: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m..

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Immigration and Naturalization Service Headquarters, 425 I Street NW., Washington, DC 20536, Shaughnessy Room, 6th floor Conference Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Service contact:* Sally Goya, Office of Policy and Planning, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street NW., Washington, DC 20536, Telephone: (202) 616-0543. *Research contact:* Dr. Carolyn F. Shettle, Temple University/Institute for Survey Research, 4646 40th Street NW., Washington, DC 20016. Telephone: (202) 537-6700 Fax: (202) 537-6873. *E-mail:* cschettle@erols.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Basic Pilot was established by the Service in response to section 403 of the IIRIRA. The Basic Pilot is a free employment eligibility confirmation system operated by this Service and the Social Security Administration to test a method of providing effective, nondiscriminatory employment eligibility verification. The Basic Pilot will allow participating employers to confirm the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees and help maintain a stable, legal workforce. The evaluation, which was also mandated by the IIRIRA, is being conducted by two independent contractors, Temple University's Institute for Survey Research and the Westat Corporation.

Summary of Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of the Basic Pilot Program
- Overview of the evaluation goals
- Presentation of the proposed methodological approach for collecting data on the Basic Pilot Program
- Presentation of analysis
- Questions and comments

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating. Persons planning to attend should notify Dr. Shettle at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may pose questions or make comments during the meeting; however, written questions submitted in advance would be appreciated.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 29, 1999.

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, Departmental Clearance Officer, Ira Mills ({202} 219-5096 ext. 143) or by E-Mail to Mills-Ira@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer For BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ({202} 395-7315), 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
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Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: OFCCP Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements.

OMB Number: 1215-0072.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 89,807.

Estimated Time Per respondent: Recordkeeping—Initial Development of AAP: 179.46.

Recordkeeping—Annual Update of AAP: 74,889.

Recordkeeping—Maintenance of AAP: 74,889.

Recordkeeping—Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures: 2.18.

Reporting—SF 100: 3.7.

Reporting—Scheduling Letter: 4.5.

Reporting—Compliance Check Letter: 4.

Total Burden Hours: 13,701,349.
Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

Description: Recordkeeping and reporting obligations incurred by Federal contractors under E.O. 11246, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and affirmative action provisions of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act, 38 U.S.C. 4212, are necessary to substantiate compliance with nondiscrimination and affirmative action requirement enforced by OFCCP.

Ira L. Mills,

Department Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

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

Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new information collection of The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' Equal Opportunity Survey. A copy of the proposed information collection request 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 on or before December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSEE: Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 693-1451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Government contractors provide information on their personnel activities and the results of their affirmative efforts to employ and promote minorities and women. This information is used to select specifically identified contractors for compliance evaluations and technical assistance. This requirement has been established under Executive Order 11246, as amended; Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 USC 4212, and OFCCP's implementing regulations at 41 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Chapter 60.

II. Review Focus

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;
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