

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training 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 and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the reemployment services reporting request. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) 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's section below on or before July 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Gay Gilbert, Office of Workforce Security, U.S. Employment Service, 200 Constitution Ave. NW Room C4512, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-3046, (This is not a toll free number), FAX (202) 693-3229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In Program Year 2001 budget for Wagner-Peyser Act State Employment Service Agencies (SESA) were allocated funds for reemployment services to UI claimants. ETA is requesting authorization to require SESAs to submit an annual plan narrative and one progress report at the end of the year. The materials will assist ETA in reviewing the appropriateness of the selected activity for reemployment services and determining whether or not the purpose of the funds was achieved. Specific reporting is necessary to adequately tract this activity separately from regular operations and record keeping.

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;
- 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.

III. Current Actions

This is a request for the OMB approval of an extension to an existing collection of information previously approved under the emergency processing for activities funded through reemployment services allotments. The activities funded under the reemployment services allotments will go beyond the OMB six month emergency processing approval. Therefore this request is being submitted to permit the data collection for the total period of the reemployment services allotment activities for the first year and any new allotments during the next three years.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Agency: Employment and Training.
Title: Reemployment Services Plan and Report.

OMB Number: 1205-ONEW.

Affected Public: States.

Total Respondents: 54.

Frequency: Annual.

Total Responses: 108.

Average Time per Response: 56.

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per year	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Annual Plan	54	1	54	40	2,160
Progress Report	54	1	54	16	864
Totals	54	2	108	56	3,024

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,024.

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

Total Burden Cost: (operating/maintaining): \$108.

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: May 14, 2001.

Gay Gilbert,

Division Chief of U.S. Employment Service/ALMIS.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-04779]

Mar-Bax Shirt Co., Capital Mercury Apparel Ltd., Gassville, AR; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on March 16, 2001 in response to a worker petition which was filed on behalf of workers at Mar-Bax Shirt Co., Capital Mercury Apparel Ltd., Gassville, Arkansas.

The petitioning group of workers is subject to an ongoing investigation for which a determination has not yet been issued NAFTA-04752. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of May 2001.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-4617]

NAPCO Button, Inc., Coppell, TX; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 103-118) concerning transitional adjustment assistance, hereinafter called NAFTA-TAA and in accordance with section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2331), an investigation was initiated on March 9, 2001, in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at NAPCO Button, Inc., Coppell, Texas. Workers produced dyed buttons.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 16th day of May, 2001.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-04433]

VF Imagewear (West), Inc., Formerly Known as VF Workwear, Inc., Clarksville, TX; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 250(A), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273), the

Department of Labor issued a Certification of NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on February 2, 2001, applicable to workers of VF Imagewear (West), Inc., Clarksville, Texas. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 2001 (66 FR 13087).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that the Department incorrectly identify the subject firm title name in its entirety. The Department is amending the certification determination to correctly identify the subject firm title name to read VF Imagewear (West), Inc. formerly known as VF Workwear, Inc.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-04433 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of VF Imagewear (West), Inc., formerly known as VF Workwear, Inc., Clarksville, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 19, 1999 through February 2, 2003 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of May, 2001.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended,

40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersede as decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution