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Department Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Solicitor; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Equal Access to Justice Act

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. 3505(c)(2)(A)]. The 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 the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Office of the Solicitor is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request (ICR) for applications to obtain awards in administrative proceedings subject to the Equal Access to Justice Act.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by November 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to Department of Labor/The Office of Solicitor Attn: Peter Galvin, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. (Room N-2428) Washington D.C. 20210). Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 693-5539.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Peter Galvin, The Office of Solicitor, telephone (202) 693-5514 or Darrin King at (202) 693-4129. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available in room N-1301, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. A copy of the ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation, contact Darrin King at (202) 693-4129 or E-mail: King_Darrin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Equal Access to Justice Act provides for the award of fees and expenses to certain parties involved in administrative proceedings with the United States. The statute requires, at 5 U.S.C. sec. 504(a)(2), that a party seeking an award of fees and other expenses in a covered administrative proceeding must submit to the agency "an application which shows that the party is the prevailing party and is eligible to receive an award" under the Act. The Department of Labor's regulations implementing the Equal Access to Justice Act contain a subpart which specifies the contents of applications for an award, 29 CFR Part 16, Subpart B.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

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 submission of responses.

III. Current Action

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the paperwork requirements for the contents of applications for an award under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Office of the Solicitor.

Title: Equal Access to Justice Act.

OMB Number: 1225-0013.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 10.

Average Time per Response: 5 hours.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 50 hours.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annualized costs (operation and maintenance): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and may be included in the request for OMB approval of the final information collection request. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 26, 2001.

Robert A. Shapiro,

Associate Solicitor for Legislation and Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group on Increasing Pension Coverage, Participation and Savings Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Working Group assigned by the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to study the issue of increasing pension coverage, participation and savings will hold an open public meeting, via teleconference, on Monday, October 15, 2001, in the conference room in Suite N-5677, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m., is for Working Group members to discuss their findings and/or recommendations concerning the factors which either encourage or inhibit the growth of pension plan coverage and, ultimately, retirement security.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by sending 20 copies on or before October 7, 2001, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral

presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by October 7, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before October 7.

Signed at Washington, DC this 24th day of September 2001.

Ann L. Combs,

Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before October 7.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of September 2001.

Ann L. Combs,

Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by October 7, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before October 7.

Signed at Washington, DC this 24th day of September 2001.

Ann L. Combs,

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group on Planning for Retirement, Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting, via teleconference, will be held Monday, October 15, 2001, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group assigned to study planning for retirement.

The session will take place in the conference room in Suite N-5677, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 2 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m., is for working group members to discuss findings and/or recommendations on ways in which individuals can be encouraged to better plan for retirement.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before October 7, 2001, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group on Challenges to the Employment-Based Healthcare System Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plan; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting, via teleconference, will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2001, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group assigned to study challenges to the employment-based healthcare system.

The session will take place in the conference room in Suite N-5677, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m., is for working group members to discuss their findings and/or recommendations on the weaknesses, strengths and alternatives to employer-based health benefits.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before October 7, 2001, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Computer and Information Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (1115).

Date/Time: October 18, 2001: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. October 19, 2001: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place: The Rebecca Crown Center, 633 Clark Street (Hardin Hall), Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60208.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Gwen Barber-Blount, Office of the Assistant Director, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1105, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8900.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs and activities on the CISE community; to provide advice to the Acting Assistant Director/CISE on issues related to long range planning, and to form ad hoc subcommittees to carry out needed studies and tasks.

Agenda: Day 1—Discussion of Information Technology Research and CISE Budget. Day 2—Report from the Acting Assistant Director and complete