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*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA).

*Title:* Procedure for Application for Exemption from the Prohibited Transaction Provisions of Section 408(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

*OMB Number:* 1210-0060.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 116.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 116.

*Total Burden Hours:* 0.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$162,648.

*Description:* Section 408(a) of ERISA authorizes the Secretary of Labor to grant exemptions from the prohibited transaction sections of 406 and 407(a) of ERISA and directs the Secretary to establish a procedure with respect to such provisions. This regulation provides a procedure that requires applications for exemption to make certain disclosures to the Department of Labor and to participants and beneficiaries.

There are two information disclosure requirements incorporated within the exemption procedure regulation. The first requirement, that an applicant for an exemption disclose information regarding the application and certify to that information, is necessary in order for the Department to make an informed determination regarding the application. The second requirement, notice to interested persons, ensures that participants and beneficiaries are informed of the application for exemption and have an opportunity to respond.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB review; Comment Request

October 24, 2001.

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 this 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](mailto:King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7136), 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
- 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.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Unemployment Insurance (UI) State Quality Service Plan (SQSP).

*OMB Number:* 1205-0132.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* Annually and Quarterly.

*Type of Response:* Reporting.

*Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 835.

*Average Time per Respondent:* 40 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,121.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The State Quality Service Plan (ETA Handbook Number 336, 17th Edition) is one of several mechanisms for implementing UI PERFORMS, that allows for an exchange of information

between the Federal and State partners to enhance the ability of the program to reflect the joint commitment to continuous improvement and client-centered services.

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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 on Tuesday, November 13, 2001, in Room N-5437 A-C, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon, is for Working Group members to complete the group's findings and/or recommendations to present to the Secretary of Labor.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by sending 20 copies on or before November 6, 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 or, after October 26, 2001, (202) 693-8668. 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 November 6, 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