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Virginia
Virgin Islands
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

This certification is for the maximum normal credit allowable under Section 3302(a) of the Code.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 31, 2002.

Elaine L. Chao,
Secretary of Labor.

**United States Department of Labor,
Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC**

Certification of State Unemployment Compensation Laws to the Secretary of the Treasury Pursuant to Section 3303(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of Section 3303(b) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 3303(b)(1)), I hereby certify the unemployment compensation laws of the following named states, which heretofore have been certified pursuant to paragraph (3) of Section 3303(b) of the Code, to the Secretary of the Treasury for the 12-month period ending on October 31, 2002:

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Maryland

Massachusetts
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Puerto Rico
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Virgin Islands
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

This certification is for the maximum additional credit allowable under Section 3302(b) of the Code.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 31, 2002.

Elaine L. Chao,
Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100

AGENCY: Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), Labor.

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 Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection request for the VETS-100 Form.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted by January 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Veterans' Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1316, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-4711. Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 693-4755. Receipt of submissions, whether by U.S. mail, e-mail or FAX transmittal, will not be acknowledged; however, the sender may request confirmation that a submission has been received, by telephoning VETS at (202) 693-4711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Norman G. Lance, Division of Investigation and Compliance, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1316, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-4731 (Voice) or (800) 670-7008 (TTY/TDD). Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying through VETS and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Ms. Lynne McGrail at (202) 693-4726.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Federal Contractor Veterans employment Report VETS-100 is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, is used to facilitate Federal contractor and subcontractor reporting of their employment and new hiring activity. Title 38 U.S.C. 4212(d) requires the collection of information from entities holding contracts of \$25,000 or more with Federal Departments or agencies to report annually on (a) the number of current employees in each

job category and at each hiring location who are special disabled veterans, the number who are veterans of the Vietnam era, and the number who are other protected veterans who served on active duty during a war or a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized, and newly separated veterans; (b) the total number of employees hired during the report period and of those, the number of special disabled, the number who are veterans of the Vietnam era, and the number who are other veterans; and the maximum and minimum number of employees employed by the contractor at each hiring location.

VETS is requesting this extension to ensure that an OMB cleared and approved form is available for the collection of the VETS-100 Reports for September 2003. Although there is legislation which, upon implementation, will change a number of requirements for the submission of the VETS-100 report, the legislation does not take effect until 12 months following enactment of the legislation, will therefore, not effect the submission of the VETS-100 report for the 2003 collection. This extension will bring the VETS-100 Form into compliance with legislative mandates.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently VETS is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection request for the Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100. 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.
- 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 notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and

Budget approval of the paperwork requirements for VETS-100 Form.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

Title: VETS-100 Form.

OMB Number: 1293-0005.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions and not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 194,580.

Average Time per Response: 45 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 97,290 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup costs: \$0.

Total Initial Annual Costs: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request. Comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 5, 2002.

Frederico Juarbe Jr.,

Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

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FEDERAL CONTRACTOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPORT (VETS-100)

WHO MUST FILE

The Vets-100 report is to be completed by all nonexempt federal contractors and subcontractors with contracts or subcontracts for the furnishing of supplies and services or the use of real or personal property for \$25,000 or more. Services include but are not limited to the following services: Utility, construction, transportation, research, insurance, and fund depository, irrespective of whether the government is the purchaser or seller. The existence of \$25,000 or more in federal contracts or subcontracts during a given calendar year establishes the requirement to file a VETS-100 Report during the following calendar year.

WHEN TO FILE

This annual report must be filed no later than September 30. Mail to the address pre-printed on the front of the form.

LEGAL BASIS FOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Title 38, United States Code, Section 4212(d) and PL 105-339, require that federal contractors report at least annually the numbers of existing employees who are: 1) special disabled veterans, 2) veterans of the Vietnam era, and 3) other protected veterans (that is, who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized). For the existing employees, the numbers of veterans within these three groups are to be broken out by job category. New hires are to be reported over a twelve month reporting period. The total number of veteran new hires in each of the three groups above is to be reported, along with the total number of newly separated veterans (i.e. hired within twelve months of separation). In addition, over the same twelve month period, the total number of new hires, both veterans and non-veterans, is required to be reported, along with the minimum and maximum total employment. This reporting is required by hiring location.

HOW TO SUBMIT THE VETS-100 REPORTS

Single-establishment employers must file one completed form. All multi-establishment employers, i.e., those doing business at more than one hiring location, must file (A) one form covering the principal or headquarters office. (B) a separate form for each hiring location employing 50 or more persons; and (C) EITHER, (i) a separate form for each hiring location employing fewer than 50 persons, OR (ii) consolidated reports that cover hiring locations within one State that have fewer than 50 employees. Each state consolidated report must also list the name and address of the hiring locations covered by the report. Company consolidated reports such as those required by EEO-1 reporting procedures are NOT required for the VETS-100 report. Completed reports for the headquarters location and all other hiring locations for each company should be mailed in one package to the address indicated on the front of the form.

RECORD KEEPING

Employers must keep copies of the completed annual VETS-100 report submitted to DOL for a period of two years.

HOW TO PREPARE THE FORMS

Shaded areas designate optional information. Answers to questions in all other areas of the form are mandatory.

Multi-establishment employers submitting hard copy reports should produce facsimile copies of the headquarters form for reporting data on each location.

Type of Reporting Organization Indicate the type of contractual relationship (prime contractor or subcontractor) that the organization has with the Federal Government. If the organization serves as both a prime contractor and a subcontractor on various federal contracts, check both boxes.

Type of Form If a reporting organization submits only one VETS-100 Report form for a single location, check the Single Establishment box. If the reporting organization submits more than one form, only one form should be checked as Multiple Establishment-Headquarters. The remaining forms should be checked as either Multiple Establishment-Hiring Location or Multiple Establishment-State Consolidated. For state consolidated forms, the number of hiring locations included in that report should be entered in the space provided. For each form, only one box should be checked within this block.

COMPANY IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Company Number Do not change the Company Number that is printed on the form. If there are any questions regarding your Company Number, please call the VETS-100 staff at (703) 461-2460 or e-mail HELPDESK@VETS100.COM.

Twelve Month Period Ending Enter the end date for the twelve month reporting period used as the basis for filing the VETS-100 Report. To determine this period, select a date in the current year between July 1 and August 31 that represents the end of a payroll period. That payroll period will be the basis for reporting Number of Employees, as described below. Then the twelve month period preceding the end date of that payroll period will be your twelve month period covered. This period is the basis for reporting New Hires, as described below. Any federal contractor or subcontractor who has written approval from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to use December 31 as the ending date for the EEO-1 Report may also use that date as the ending date for the payroll period selected for the VETS-100 Report.

Name and Address for Single Establishment Employers COMPLETE the identifying information under the Parent Company name and address section. LEAVE BLANK all of the identifying information for the Hiring Location.

Name and Address for Multi Establishment Employers For parent company headquarters location, COMPLETE the name and address for the parent company headquarters. LEAVE BLANK the name and address of the Hiring Location. For hiring locations of a parent company, COMPLETE the name and address for the Parent Company location, COMPLETE the name and address for the Hiring Location.

NAICS Code, DUNS Number, and Employer ID Number Single Establishment and Multi Establishment Employers must COMPLETE the NAICS Code, DUNS Number, and Employer ID Number, if available, as described below.

NAICS Code Enter the six (6) digit NAICS Code applicable to the hiring location for which the report is filed. If there is not a separate NAICS Code for the hiring location, enter the NAICS Code for the parent company.

Dun and Bradstreet I.D. Number (DUNS) If the company or any of its establishments has a Dun and Bradstreet Identification Number, please enter the nine (9) digit number in the space provided. If there is a specific DUNS Number applicable to the hiring location for which the report is filed, enter that DUNS Number. Otherwise, enter the DUNS number for the parent company.

Employer I.D. Number (EIN) Enter the nine (9) digit numbers assigned by the I.R.S. to the contractor. If there is a specific EIN applicable to the hiring location for which the report is filed, enter that EIN. Otherwise, enter the EIN for the parent company.

INFORMATION ON EMPLOYEES

Counting Veterans Some veterans will fall into more than one of the protected veteran categories. For example, a veteran may be both a special disabled veteran and a Vietnam era veteran. In such cases the veteran must be counted in each category. Newly separated veterans will be counted in the New Hires section of the VETS-100 Report only. In subsequent years, these veterans will no longer be considered newly separated veterans.

Number of Employees Select any payroll period ending between July 1 and August 31 of the current year. Provide all data for permanent full-time and part-time employees who were special disabled veterans, Vietnam-era veterans, or other protected veterans employed as of the ending date of the selected payroll period. Do not include employees specifically excluded as indicated in 41 CFR 61-250.2(b)(2). Employees must be counted by veteran status for each of the nine occupational categories (Lines 1-9) in columns L, M, and N. The description of job categories can be found in 41 CFR 61-250.2(b)(3). Blank spaces will be considered zeros.

New Hires Report the number of permanent full-time and part-time employees by veteran status who were hired (both veterans and non-veterans) and who were included in the payroll for the first time during the 12-month period ending between July 1 through August 31 of the current year. The totals in columns O, P, R, and S (Line 10) are required. The total in column Q is optional for 2002 reporting cycle. Enter all applicable numbers, including zeros.

Maximum/Minimum Employees Report the maximum and minimum number of permanent employees on board during the period covered as indicated by 41 CFR 61-250.10(a)(3). Contractors may use any reasonable method for calculating and determining the maximum and minimum number of employees during the reporting period.

DEFINITIONS:

'Hiring location' means an establishment as defined at 41 CFR 61 250.2(b).

'Special Disabled Veteran' means (i) a veteran of the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs for a disability (A) rated at 30 percent or more, or (B) rated at 10 or 20 percent in the case of a veteran who has been determined under Section 38 U.S.C. 3106 to have a serious employment handicap or (ii) a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

'Veteran of the Vietnam-era' means a person who: (i) served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service for a period of more than 180 days, and who was discharged or released therefrom with other than a dishonorable discharge, if any part of such active duty was performed: (A) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975; or (B) between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, in all other cases; or (ii) was discharged or released from active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service for a service-connected disability if any part of such active duty was performed (A) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or (B) between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, in any other location.

'Newly Separated Veterans' means any veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service during the one-year period beginning on the date of such veteran's discharge or release from active duty.

'Other Protected Veterans' means veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized. For those with Internet access, the information required to make this determination is available at <http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html/vqmedal2.htm>. A replica of that list is enclosed with the annual VETS-100 mailing. A copy of the list also may be obtained by sending an e-mail to OtherVets@vets100.com or by calling (703) 461-2460 and requesting that a copy of the list be mailed to you.

(These instructions correspond to the Form with OMB No. 1293-0005 that expires 12/31/xxxx)

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data source, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to the Department of Labor, Office of Information Management, Room N-1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20210. All completed VETS-100 Reports should be sent to the address indicated on the front of the form.