

measurement capability. Here the requirement is to produce TFT panels at sufficiently low cost to enable very large detectors several meters in extent to be assembled for CT scanning of cargo containers. Jet printing techniques will be developed to enable wax masks to be used during fabrication of the TFT arrays to reduce their manufacturing cost.

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Deputy Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Petition for Finding Under Section 3(40) of ERISA

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of 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 continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95). 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 Employee Benefits Security Administration is soliciting comments on the proposed extension of the Petition for Finding under Section 3(40) of ERISA.

A copy of the information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the Addresses section on or before January 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Gerald B. Lindrew, Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-8410, FAX (202)

693-4745 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Rules codified beginning at 29 CFR 2570.150 set forth an administrative procedure ("procedural rules") for obtaining a determination by the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) as to whether a particular employee benefit plan is established or maintained under or pursuant to one or more agreements that are collective bargaining agreements for purposes of section 3(40) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). These procedural rules relate to specific criteria set forth in 29 CFR 2510.3-40 ("criteria rules") that if met constitute a finding by the Secretary that a plan is maintained under or pursuant to one or more collective bargaining agreements. Employee benefit plans that meet the requirements of the criteria rules are generally excluded from the definition of "multiple employer welfare arrangements" under section 3(40) and are consequently not subject to state regulation. These rules were generally effective on April 9, 2003.

The procedure that includes the ICR is available only in situations where the jurisdiction or law of a state has been asserted against an entity that it meets the exception for plans established or maintained under or pursuant to one or more collective bargaining agreements and is, as a result, subject to state law.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor (Department) is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of this ICR will expire on January 31, 2004. After considering comments received in response to this notice, the Department intends to submit the ICR to OMB for continuing approval. No change to the existing ICR is proposed or made at this time.

Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Petition for Finding under Section 3(40) of ERISA.

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

OMB Number: 1210-0119.

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

Respondents: 45.

Responses: 45.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1.

Estimated Total Burden Cost

(Operating and Maintenance): \$104,100.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 6, 2003.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Labor Certification Process for Temporary Agricultural Employment of Nonimmigrant Workers in the United States (H-2A Workers); H-2A On-line Application Processing System; Formal Briefing

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: As the result of the General Accounting Office (GAO) recommendation to the Secretary of Labor on ways to improve the H-2A Program, the Department of labor (DOL) has designed an H-2A case management system to improve data tracking and reporting capabilities. The system will also provide a user-friendly platform for the Regional Office staff and the regulated community to enter application data. The Division of

Foreign Labor Certification, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor, announces a formal briefing to demonstrate to agricultural employers and the interested parties the new On-Line Application Processing System. The briefing will allow ETA to demonstrate to the regulated community, *i.e.*, employers, attorneys, agents and associations, the benefits of the online application completion module.

DATES: The briefing date is: Friday, December 5, 2003; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monterrey, CA.

Notices of intention to appear at the briefing must be postmarked no later than November 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The briefing location is: Hilton Monterey, 1000 Oguajito road, Monterey, CA 93940

Send notices of intention to appear to: Charlene Giles, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4318, Washington, DC 20210. Notice also may be faxed to Charlene Giles at 202-693-2769 (this is not a toll-free number), or submitted by e-mail at dflc.onp@dol.gov.

ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS: In the near future, the Division of Foreign Labor Certification, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor, will announce additional locations for formal briefings to be held on the East Coast in January 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlene Giles; telephone 202-693-2950. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information public briefings will be chaired by a senior official of the Employment and Training Administration. Persons appearing at the briefings will be allowed a hands on experience with the system and to pose questions to Department staff.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of November, 2003.

Emily Stover DeRocco,
Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the Work Schedules Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS), to be conducted in May 2004. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before January 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The CPS has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployed for over 50 years. Collection of labor force data through the CPS is necessary to meet the requirements in title 29, United States Code, sections 1 and 2. Over the past several decades, the economy of the United States has been undergoing a fundamental restructuring. Advances in computer and communications technology have increasingly enabled some workers to perform part or all of their work at home. The growth of this phenomenon represents an important development in this country's labor markets. This supplement will provide a substantial and objective set of data about work at home and work in home-based businesses. It will provide valuable information on the work schedules of employed persons, that is,

the beginning and ending times of work, type of shift worked, and calendar days worked. It also will provide information about employed persons who do work at home. Work schedule supplements have been conducted since the 1970s.

Questions on home-based work were included in May 1985, May 1991, May 1997, and May 2001. A key purpose of the May 2004 supplement is to gather updated information on these topics. The May 2004 supplement will provide information that will help researchers gauge the extent to which the number of persons who work at home is expanding and will provide additional detail on the nature of this work activity. More generally, the May 2004 supplement will be used by BLS researchers and others to examine the changes in work schedules and work at home that are taking place over time.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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 Action

OMB clearance is being sought for the Work Schedules Supplement to the CPS.

Type of Review: Reinstate, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Work Schedules Supplement to the CPS:

OMB Number: 1220-0119.

Affected Public: Households.

Total Respondents: 58,000.

Frequency: Occasional.

Total Responses: 58,000.

Average Time Per Response: 4.5 Minutes.