

making authority of any other agency involved in the NEPA process. Upon request, MMS will provide potential cooperating agencies with a written summary of ground rules for cooperating agencies, including time schedules and critical action dates, milestones, responsibilities, scope and detail of cooperating agencies' contributions, and availability of pre-decisional information. MMS anticipates this summary will form the basis for a Memorandum of Understanding between the MMS and each cooperating agency. You should also consider the "Factors for Determining Cooperating Agency Status" in Attachment 1 to CEQ's January 30, 2002, Memorandum for the Heads of Federal Agencies on *Cooperating Agencies in Implementing the Procedural Requirements of The National Environmental Policy Act*. A copy of this document is available at: (<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagenciesmemorandum.html>) and (<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagencymemofactors.html>).

The MMS, as the lead agency, will not be providing financial assistance to cooperating agencies. Even if your organization is not a cooperating agency, you will continue to have opportunities to provide information and comments to MMS during the normal public input phases of the NEPA/EIS process. MMS will also consult with Tribal governments on a Government-to-Government basis. If you would like further information about cooperating agencies, please contact Mr. Paul Stang, Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment, at the address noted above or by phone at (907) 334-5230.

##### 5. Existing Information

The MMS has acquired a substantial amount of information, including that gained through the use of traditional knowledge, on the issues and concerns related to oil and gas leasing in the Chukchi Sea. Much of this information has been developed as a result of past lease sales and Environmental Impact Statements in the Chukchi Sea. In addition, an extensive environmental, social, and economic studies program has been underway in this area since 1975 in Alaska. The emphasis has been on geologic mapping, environmental characterization of biologically-sensitive habitats, endangered whales and marine mammals, physical oceanography, ocean-circulation modeling, and ecological and socio-cultural effects of oil and gas activities.

Information on the studies program, completed studies, and a program status report for continuing studies in this area may be obtained from the Chief, Environmental Studies Section, Alaska OCS Region, by telephone request at (907) 334-5280, or by written request at the address stated under NOI comments above. A request may also be made via the Alaska Region Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/alaska/ref/pubindex/pubsindex.htm>.

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**Francis Hodsoll,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

September 1, 2005.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) 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 contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or email: [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 the Employment Standards Administration (ESA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), 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 Standards Administration.

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

*Title:* Construction Recordkeeping and Reporting.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0163.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping; Reporting; and Third party disclosure.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 178,487.

*Annual Responses:* 178,487.

*Average Response Time:* Varies.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:*

1,710,325.

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

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* \$0.

*Description:* 41 CFR chapter 60 sets out the purpose and scope of the affirmative action requirements for construction contractors. Accordingly, contractors should implement the specific affirmative action steps in accordance with 41 CFR 60-4.3(a)7. The recordkeeping and reporting by Federal and Federally assisted construction contractors and subcontractors is necessary to substantiate their compliance with nondiscrimination and affirmative action contractual obligations.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; ETA-204 Experience Rating Report

**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