

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment Standards Administration****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. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Employment of Apprentices, Messengers and Learners (Including Student-Learners and Student-Workers), Forms WH-205 and WH-209. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before February 27, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0418; fax: (202) 693-1451; e-mail: [bell.hazel@dol.gov](mailto:bell.hazel@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION****I. Background**

Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) 14(a) requires that the Secretary of Labor, to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of employment opportunities, provide by regulations or orders for the employment of categories of workers who, under special certificates, may be paid less than the statutory minimum wage. This section also authorizes the Secretary to set limitations on such employment as to time, number, proportion and length of service. These workers include apprentices, messengers and learners, including student-learners and student-

workers. Regulations found at 29 CFR Part 520 contain the provisions that implement the FLSA 14(a) requirements. Form WH-205 is the application an employer uses to obtain a certificate to employ student-learners at wages lower than the general federal minimum wage. Form WH-209 is the application an employer uses to request a certificate authorizing the employer to employ learners and/or messengers at subminimum wage rates. There is no application form that employers complete to obtain authority from DOL to employ apprentices at subminimum wages. This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2006.

**II. Review Focus**

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 submissions of responses.

**III. Current Actions**

The Wage and Hour Division seeks the approval of the extension of this information collection to obtain wage data in order to determine current prevailing wage rates in the various localities throughout the country.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Employment of Apprentices, Messengers and Learners (Including Student-Learners and Student-Workers).

*OMB Number:* 1215-0192.

*Agency Number:* WH-205 and WH-209.

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

*Total Respondents:* 929.

*Total Annual Responses:* 929.

*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping; Reporting and Third-Party Disclosure.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 465.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$371.60.

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

Dated: December 22, 2005.

**Sue Blumenthal,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Bureau of Labor Statistics****Labor Research Advisory Council; Notice of Reestablishment**

The Secretary of Labor has determined that reestablishment of the Labor Research Advisory Council to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (LRAC) is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Commissioner of Labor Statistics by 29 U.S.C. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, and 9. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Commissioner of Labor Statistics with respect to technical issues arising out of the statistical work of the Bureau, and provide perspectives on Bureau programs in relation to the information needs of the American workforce, the organized labor community, and organizations or institutions with a demonstrated interest in accurate, timely, and relevant economic measures from the perspective of American workers.

The determination that the reestablishment is necessary and in the public interest follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

The Council's charter will be filed under the Act fifteen days from the date of this publication.

*Name of Committee:* Labor Research Advisory Council.

*Membership:* The number of members will be reduced to 35 to enhance the working and management of the committee. The LRAC membership has

also been broadened. Committee members, who will be nominated by the Commissioner of Labor Statistics and appointed by the Secretary of Labor, may be from organized labor, academia, research, and other organizations or institutions with a demonstrated interest in economic measures from the perspective of American workers.

*Duration:* Continuing.

*Agency Contact:* William Parks, 202-691-5900.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of December, 2005.

**Elaine L. Chao,**

*Secretary of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. They authorize the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

**DATES:** Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before February 13, 2006. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memorandums that contain additional information concerning the records covered by a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested and will be provided once the appraisal is completed. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice by contacting the Life Cycle Management Division (NWML) using one of the following means (Note the new address for requesting schedules using e-mail):

*Mail:* NARA (NWML), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

*E-mail:* [requestschedule@nara.gov](mailto:requestschedule@nara.gov).

*FAX:* 301-837-3698.

Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports should so indicate in their request.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurence Brewer, Director, Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Telephone: 301-837-1539. E-mail: [records.mgt@nara.gov](mailto:records.mgt@nara.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval, using the Standard Form (SF) 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority. These schedules provide for the timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs them to conduct its business. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

No Federal records are authorized for destruction without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted only after a thorough consideration of their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not they have historical or other value.

Besides identifying the Federal agencies and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority, this public notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or indicates agency-wide applicability in

the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency. This notice provides the control number assigned to each schedule, the total number of schedule items, and the number of temporary items (the records proposed for destruction). It also includes a brief description of the temporary records. The records schedule itself contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their disposition. If NARA staff has prepared an appraisal memorandum for the schedule, it too includes information about the records. Further information about the disposition process is available on request.

#### Schedules Pending (Note the New Address for Requesting Schedules Using E-Mail)

1. Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency (N1-361-05-3, 2 items, 2 temporary items). An agency-wide schedule that consists of records used in preparing press releases for distribution to hometown newspapers and broadcast stations concerning the activities and accomplishments of agency personnel. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing.

2. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (N1-442-05-3, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing relating to or associated with administrative and support services, research projects, training, the National Center for Health Statistics, the Office on Safety and Health, and agency automated information systems. Recordkeeping copies of these files are covered by previously approved disposition authorities.

3. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, (N1-440-04-3, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Inputs, data, documentation, and electronic mail and word processing copies associated with an electronic information system used to process Medicare claims. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

4. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (N1-88-06-1, 8 items, 8 temporary items). Program management files, and inputs, outputs, master files, and electronic mail and word processing copies associated with an electronic information system used to monitor institutional compliance with