

Organizations or members of the public wishing to submit a written statement pertaining to the topic may do so by submitting 25 copies on or before July 9, 2008 to Larry Good, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Suite N-5623, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Statements also may be submitted electronically to good.larry@dol.gov. Statements received on or before July 9 will be included in the record of the meeting. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their requests to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 693-8668. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Larry Good by July 9 at the address indicated. All individuals who plan to attend the meeting should contact Larry Good by July 14 to expedite building access.

Signed at Washington, DC this 24th day of June, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Working Group on Phased Retirement; 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 phased retirement will hold an open public meeting on July 17, 2008.

The session will take place in C5515, Room 4, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m., with a one hour break for lunch, is for Working Group members to hear testimony from invited witnesses. The Working Group will study the issues facing employers who wish to create phased retirement plans as well as the issues facing employees who wish to take part in phased retirement programs, and whether there

are any legal impediments that discourage American workers from continuing to work in their retirement years.

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Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Working Group on Hard to Value Assets/Target Date Funds; 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 issues of hard to value assets and target date funds will hold an open public meeting on July 15, 2008.

The session will take place in C5515, Room 4, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m., with a one hour break for lunch, is for Working Group members to hear testimony from invited witnesses. The Working Group will

study potential risks and the roles of fiduciaries, trustees, investment managers, accountants/auditors and participants when employee benefit plans invest in hard to value assets, a review of regulatory policy involving assets for which there is not a generally recognized market, and challenges and risks associated with plans' use of Target Date Funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; 142nd Full Council Meeting; 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 142nd open meeting of the full Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held on July 16, 2008.

The session will take place in C5515, Room 4, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 9 a.m., is for members to be updated on activities of the

Employee Benefits Security Administration and for chairs of this year's Working Groups to provide progress reports on their individual study topics.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Proposed Extension With Revisions of a Currently Approved Information Collection for Registered Apprenticeship Program Data (ETA Form 671)

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. 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 and Training Administration is soliciting comments

concerning the proposed revision of the collection of information on the registered apprenticeship program (ETA Form 671) under Title 29 CFR Part 29 (Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs).

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before August 29, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5311, Washington, DC 20210, *Attention:* John V. Ladd, *Telephone number:* 202-693-2796 (this is not a toll-free number). *Fax:* 202-693-2808. *E-mail:* ladd.john@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Apprenticeship Act of 1937 authorizes and directs the Secretary of Labor to formulate and promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, to extend the application of such standards by encouraging the inclusion thereof in contracts of apprenticeship, to bring together employers and labor for the formulation of programs of apprenticeship, to cooperate with State agencies engaged in the formulation and promotion of standards of apprenticeship, and to cooperate with the Secretary of Education (29 U.S.C. 50). Section 50a of the Act authorizes the Secretary of Labor to publish information relating to existing and proposed labor standards of apprenticeship, and to appoint national advisory committees (29 U.S.C. 50a).

Title 29 CFR Part 29 sets forth labor standards to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and to extend the application of such standards by prescribing policies and procedures concerning registration, for certain Federal purposes, of acceptable apprenticeship programs with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship (formerly known as the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employers and Labor Services and previously as the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training). These labor standards, policies and procedures cover: Registration of apprenticeship programs and apprenticeship

agreements; the recognition of a State agency as the appropriate agency for registering local apprenticeship programs for certain Federal purposes; and matters relating thereto.

Title 29 CFR Part 30 sets forth policies and procedures to promote equality of opportunity in apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor and recognized State Apprenticeship Agencies. These policies and procedures apply to recruitment and selection of apprentices, and to all conditions of employment and training during apprenticeship. The procedures provide for review of apprenticeship programs, for registering apprenticeship programs, for processing complaints, and for deregistering non-complying apprenticeship programs. This part also provides policies and procedures for continuation or withdrawal of recognition of State agencies which register apprenticeship programs for Federal purposes.

The information collection instrument for this request is ETA Form 671 (ETA Program Registration, section I, and Apprentice Registration, section II). The Apprentice Registration section II electronic instrument has been widely accepted, used by more than 50 percent of new apprentice registrations. With the redesign of the Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (RAPIDS), formerly known as the Registered Apprenticeship Information System (RAIS), Program Registration section I provides for electronic program registration by the program sponsor. Therefore the Office of Apprenticeship *seeks to revise* these two sections of ETA Form 671 to facilitate the registration of programs and apprentices. This ICR seeks a three-year approval.

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