

Signed at Washington, DC this 26th day of August, 2008.

**Elliott S. Kushner,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-63,668]

#### **R.D. Reeves Construction, Inc., Employed On-Site at Longview Timber, Longview, WA; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on July 10, 2008, in response to a worker petition filed by an AFL-CIO official on behalf of workers of R.D. Reeves Construction, Inc. employed on-site at Longview Timber, Longview, Washington.

The petitioner is not an authorized representative of the group of workers covered by this petition, rendering this petition invalid. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of August 2008.

**Richard Church,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-63,718]

#### **Martinrea Heavy Stamping Division, Shelbyville, KY; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on July 21, 2008 in response to a petition filed by a One-Stop office on behalf of workers of Martinrea, Heavy Stamping Division, Shelbyville, Kentucky.

The Department determined that the petitioner was not a One-Stop operator or partner but rather a former worker. A petition filed by workers must be completed and signed by three affected workers. Accordingly, the petition is deemed invalid and the investigation under this petition is terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of August, 2008

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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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 pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies 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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program." 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 below on or before *November 3, 2008*.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

The BLS has been charged by Congress (29 U.S.C. 1 and 2) with the responsibility of collecting and publishing monthly information on employment, the average wage received, and the hours worked by area and industry. The process for developing

residency-based employment and unemployment estimates is a cooperative Federal-State program which uses employment and unemployment inputs available in State Workforce Agencies.

The labor force estimates developed and issued in this program are used for economic analysis and as a tool in the implementation of Federal economic policy in such areas as employment and economic development under the Workforce Investment Act and the Public Works and Economic Development Act, among others.

The estimates also are used in economic analysis by public agencies and private industry, and for State and area funding allocations and eligibility determinations according to legal and administrative requirements. Implementation of current policy and legislative authorities could not be accomplished without collection of the data.

The reports and manual covered by this request are integral parts of the LAUS program insofar as they insure and/or measure the timeliness, quality, consistency, and adherence to program directions of the LAUS estimates and related research.

#### **II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for an extension of the information collection request that makes up the LAUS program. All aspects of the program are automated. All data are entered directly into BLS-provided systems.

The BLS, as part of its responsibility to develop concepts and methods by which States prepare estimates under the LAUS program, developed a manual for use by the States. The manual explains the conceptual framework for the State and area estimates of employment and unemployment, specifies the procedures to be used, provides input information, and discusses the theoretical and empirical basis for each procedure. This manual is updated on a regular schedule. The LAUS program implemented a major program redesign in January 2005. The Redesign was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2004.

#### **III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-0017.  
*Affected Public:* State government.

	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
LAUS 3040 .....	7277	13	94601	1.5	141902
LAUS 8 .....	52	11	572	1	572
LAUS 15 .....	52	.12	6	2	12
LAUS 16 .....	52	1	52	1	52
Totals .....			95231		142538

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th day of August 2008.

**Cathy Kazanowski,**  
 Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
 Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection**

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501) the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) has forwarded an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a new information collection activity. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** On June 4, 2008 (**Federal Register**, Volume 73, Number 108, pages 31890-31891), MSPB sought public comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). MSPB received no comments. MSPB is submitting an ICR to OMB for review and approval

according to the procedure prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. Additional comments on this ICR should be submitted on or before October 3, 2008 to Brenda Aguilar at [baguilar@omb.eop.gov](mailto:baguilar@omb.eop.gov), or fax at (202)-395-6974.

**ADDRESSES:** You may also submit comments to Dr. Dee Ann Batten by mail: Office of Policy and Evaluation, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20419 or by e-mail: [deeann.batten@mspb.gov](mailto:deeann.batten@mspb.gov) (please put "Employee Survey" in the subject line of the message).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Dee Ann Batten by phone at (202) 653-6772, ext. 1411, or by e-mail to [deeann.batten@mspb.gov](mailto:deeann.batten@mspb.gov) (please put "Employee Survey" in the subject line of the message).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposed Project:* MSPB Survey on Federal Telework. The MSPB is asking for approval to collect information to support its study on Federal Telework. Federal employees will be asked to complete a survey(s) about their experiences with and perceptions of Telework and other related topics about their organizations and careers. This study is being conducted under MSPB's statutory authority to "conduct, from time to time, special studies relating to the civil service and to other merit systems in the executive branch, and report to the President and to the Congress as to whether the public interest in a civil service free of prohibited personnel practices is being adequately protected." (Section 1204 Title 5 U.S.C.) In addition, the Code of Federal Regulations also describes the role of MSPB's Office of Policy and Evaluation as responsible for carrying out "the Board's statutory responsibility to conduct special reviews and studies

of the civil service and other merit systems in the Executive Branch, as well as oversight reviews of the significant actions of the Office of Personnel Management."

**Burden Statement**

*Per respondent/participant:* The reporting burden for the collection of information on this request is estimated to vary from 15 minutes to 30 minutes, with an average of 20 minutes for each participant, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

*Respondents/participants/affected entities:* Participants will be selected via stratified random sampling to facilitate representative samples of employees (including supervisory employees).

*Estimated number of respondents:* We plan to survey up to 24,000 Federal employees.

*Frequency of response per participant:* One response per participant.

*Estimated total annual hour burden:* We estimate the response rate to be 60 percent (14,400 total responses) resulting in an annual reporting burden of 4800 hours (.33 hours x 14,400).

Dated: August 28, 2008.

**Timothy Korb,**

*Acting Clerk of the Board.*

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