

to Robin Delany-Shabazz, Designated Federal Official for the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, OJJDP, at *Robin.Delany-Shabazz@usdoj.gov*. If e-mail is not available, please fax your comments to 202-307-2819 and call Joyce Mosso at 202-305-4445 to ensure that the fax was received. [Note: These are not toll-free numbers.] No oral presentations will be permitted at the meeting. However, written questions and comments from members of the public attending the meeting may be invited.

Dated: February 11, 2009.

Jeff Slowikowski,

Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Interim Delegation of Authority and Assignment of Responsibility to Departmental Officials To Invoke Governmental Privileges Pending Official Appointment of Non-Career Agency Leadership

On February 9, 2009, I issued a memorandum to DOL Agency Heads pursuant to Secretary's Order 16-2006 (November 9, 2006) and its accompanying Memorandum ("2006 Memorandum") and authorities cited therein to temporarily extend delegated authority and assigned responsibility to the incumbents of specified departmental career positions as listed on the attached memorandum, to invoke all appropriate claims of Governmental privileges arising from the functions of their respective agencies and offices. This delegation is effective immediately. A copy of that memorandum is annexed hereto as an Appendix.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Whiting or Carol Dedeo, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-5260. This is not a toll-free number.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of February, 2009.

Edward C. Hugler,

Acting Secretary of Labor.

U.S. Department of Labor

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INTERIM SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT TO SECRETARY'S ORDER 16-2006

February 9, 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR AGENCY HEADS
FROM: EDWARD C. HUGLER, Acting Secretary
SUBJECT: Interim Delegation of Authority and Assignment of Responsibility to Departmental Officials to Invoke Governmental Privileges Pending Official Appointment of Non-career Agency Leadership

This Memorandum is issued pursuant to Secretary's Order 16-2006 (November 9, 2006) and its accompanying Memorandum ("2006 Memorandum") and authorities cited therein. Those documents were published at 71 FR 67023. This Memorandum serves to supplement on an interim basis that 2006 Memorandum.

Awaiting the arrival of non-career leadership representing the Administration of President Obama, the Department of Labor and its agencies operate currently without interruption, generally under career leadership. Under these circumstances, the purpose of this Memorandum is to temporarily extend delegated authority and assigned responsibility to the incumbents of specified departmental career positions listed below to invoke all appropriate claims of Governmental privileges arising from the functions of their respective agencies and offices.

All formal claims of Governmental privilege asserted as a result of a delegation under this Memorandum will be made in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in Secretary's Order 16-2006 and the 2006 Memorandum. Each delegation below takes effect immediately and, unless superseded, will cease individually to have effect as soon as an official whose position title is listed or described in the 2006 Memorandum commences his or her duties, but no later than December 31, 2009.

Designation of Agency Officers Delegated Authority and Assigned Responsibility To Assert Governmental Privileges

Office of the Secretary, and any other DOL component not listed below:

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management

Office of the Solicitor: Deputy Solicitor for National Operations

Employee Benefits Security

Administration: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations

Employment Standards Administration: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations

Wage and Hour Division: Deputy Administrator for Enforcement

Office of Labor-Management Standards: Deputy Director
Federal Contract Compliance Programs: Director of Policy
Employment and Training Administration: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training
Mine Safety and Health Administration: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations
Occupational Safety and Health Administration: Deputy Assistant Secretary
Veterans' Employment and Training Service: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Analysis
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs: Director of Program Planning & Results in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management
Office of Disability Employment Policy: Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Public Affairs: Director of Enterprise Communications
Women's Bureau: National Office Coordinator

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Amendment to Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Defined Benefit Plan Annual Funding Notice

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Department of Labor (the Department) conducts a preclearance consultation program so that the general public and other federal agencies can comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This program helps to ensure that the data the Department gathers arrive in the desired format, that the reporting burden on the public (time and financial resources) is minimized, that the public understands the collection instruments, and that the Department can accurately assess the impact of collection requirements on respondents.

On November 21, 2008, the Department published a Notice in the

Federal Register soliciting comments on its proposed extension of the information collection provisions of regulations pertaining to section 101(f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). As discussed more fully below, the Department is hereby amending the notice to provide the public with an additional 30-day period to comment on the revisions to the information collection contained in Field Assistance Bulletin 2009–1, which was issued by the Department on February 10, 2009.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the addresses section on or before March 19, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the information collection request and burden estimates to: G. Christopher Cosby, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–5718, Washington, DC 20210. *Telephone:* (202) 693–8410; *Fax:* (202) 219–4745. These are not toll-free numbers. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the following Internet e-mail address: *ebsa.opr@dol.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 101(f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) sets forth requirements applicable to furnishing annual funding notices. Before the enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), section 101(f) applied only to multiemployer defined benefit plans. The Department issued a final implementing regulation under this provision on January 11, 2006 (71 FR 1904), which is codified at 29 CFR 2520.101–4. The Information Collection Request (ICR) relating to the regulation was approved on March 17, 2005, under OMB Control Number 1210–0126. The ICR is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2009. The Department published a 60-day public comment Notice (the Notice) in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008,¹ informing the public of its intention to extend the ICR and requesting public comments.

Section 501(a) of the PPA amended section 101(f) of ERISA and made significant changes to the annual funding notice requirements. These amendments require administrators of all defined benefit plans that are subject to title IV of ERISA, not only

multiemployer plans, to provide an annual funding notice to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), to each plan participant and beneficiary, to each labor organization representing such participants or beneficiaries, and, in the case of a multiemployer plan, to each employer that has an obligation to contribute to the plan. An annual funding notice must include, among other things, the plan's funding percentage, a statement of the value of the plan's assets and liabilities and a description of how the plan's assets are invested as of specific dates, and a description of the benefits under the plan that are eligible to be guaranteed by the PBGC. The current ICR does not take these amendments into account, and the Department had not issued regulations or other guidance concerning compliance with ERISA section 101(f) as amended by the PPA when the Notice was published.

On February 10, 2009, the Department issued Field Assistance Bulletin (FAB) 2009–1, which provides guidance to the Employee Benefits Security Administration's national and regional offices concerning good faith compliance with the annual funding notice requirements as amended by the PPA and model notices plan administrators may use to satisfy the annual funding notice content requirements. The FAB provides that pending further guidance, the Department will, as a matter of enforcement policy, treat a plan administrator as satisfying the requirements of section 101(f), if the administrator complies with the guidance contained in the FAB and has acted in accordance with a good faith, reasonable interpretation of those requirements with respect to matters not specifically addressed in the FAB.

The FAB revises the ICR under OMB Control Number 1210–0126 to take into account the PPA amendments; therefore, the Department is hereby amending the Notice to provide the public with an additional 30 days to comment on the ICR as revised by the FAB.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information contained in the FAB is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- 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.

III. Current Actions

The Department intends to request a revision of the currently approved ICR for the Multiemployer Plan Annual Funding Notice² under ERISA section 101(f) and 29 CFR 2520.101–4. The ICR has been revised to reflect amendments made by the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and a related FAB issued by the Department. The following provides the current burden estimates of the revised ICR:

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Defined Benefit Plan Annual Funding Notice.

OMB Number: 1210–0126.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit institutions; not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 30,300.

Total Responses: 44,447,000.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,025,000 (first year); 979,000 (subsequent years).

Estimated Annual Burden Cost: \$32,812,000 (first year); \$28,473,000 (subsequent years).

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

Dated: February 11, 2009.

Joseph S. Piacentini,

Director, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration.
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¹ 73 FR 70677.

² Please note that the title of the ICR will be changed to "Defined Benefit Plan Annual Funding Notice" as part of the revision.