

is entitled to reimbursement, is equivalent to the employer's daily charge for three meals or, if the employer makes no charge, the amount permitted under 20 CFR 655.122(g).

The maximum meals component of the daily travel subsistence expense is based upon the standard minimum Continental United States (CONUS) per diem rate as stated by the General Services Administration (GSA) at 41 CFR part 301, Appendix A. The CONUS meal component remains \$46.00 per day. Workers who qualify for travel reimbursement are entitled to reimbursement for meals up to the CONUS meal rate when they provide receipts. In determining the appropriate amount of reimbursement for meals for less than a full day, the employer may provide for meal expense reimbursement, with receipts, to 75 percent of the maximum reimbursement for meals of \$34.50, as provided for in the GSA per diem schedule. If a worker has no receipts, the employer is not obligated to reimburse above the minimum stated at 20 CFR 655.122(g) as specified above.

The Department notes that the regulation has consistently used the term "subsistence" which includes both meals and lodging during travel to and from the worksite. An employer is responsible for providing, paying in advance, or reimbursing a worker for the reasonable costs of transportation and daily subsistence between the employer's worksite and the place from which the worker comes to work for the employer, if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period, and upon the worker completing the contract, return costs. In those instances where a worker must travel to obtain a visa so that the worker may enter the U.S. to come to work for the employer, the employer must pay for the transportation and daily subsistence costs of that part of the travel as well. The Department interprets the regulation to require the employer to assume responsibility for the reasonable costs associated with the worker's travel, including transportation, food, and, in those instances where it is necessary, lodging. If not provided by the employer, the amount an employer must pay for transportation and, where required, lodging must be no less than (and is not required to be more than) the most economical and reasonable costs. The employer is responsible for those costs necessary for the worker to travel to the worksite if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period, but is not responsible for unauthorized detours, and if the worker completes the contract, return transportation and

subsistence costs, including lodging costs where necessary. This policy applies equally to instances where the worker is traveling within the U.S. to the employer's worksite. For further information on when the employer is responsible for lodging costs, see the FAQ on travel costs at the OFLC Web site at <http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/>.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of March, 2012.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

#### Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation; Proposed Extension of Existing 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 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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Notice of Termination, Suspension, Reduction or Increase in Benefit Payments (CM-908). A copy of the 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 May 7, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0701, fax (202) 693-1447, Email [yoonferguson@dol.gov](mailto:yoonferguson@dol.gov). Please use only

one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*I. Background:* The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 as amended, Section 432 (30 U.S.C. 942) and 20 CFR 725.621 necessitate this information collection. Under this Act, Coal mine operators, their representatives, or their insurers who have been identified as responsible for paying Black Lung benefits to an eligible miner or an eligible surviving dependent of the miner, are called Responsible Operators (RO's). RO's that pay benefits are required to report any change in the benefit amount to the Department of Labor (DOL). The CM-908, when completed and sent to DOL, notifies DOL of the change in the beneficiary's benefit amount and the reason for the change. The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 as amended, Section 432 (30 U.S.C. 942) and 20 CFR 725.621 necessitate this information collection. This information collection is currently approved for use through June 30, 2012.

*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 Department of Labor seeks the approval for the extension of this currently-approved information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to evaluate an applicant ability to be a representative payee. If the Program were not able to screen representative payee applicants the beneficiary's best interest would not be served.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

**Type of Review:** Extension.  
**Title:** Notice of Termination,  
 Suspension, Reduction or Increase in  
 Benefit Payments.

**OMB Number:** 1240-0030.

**Agency Number:** CM-908.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for  
 profit.

**Total Respondents:** 325.

**Total Annual Responses:** 5,000.

**Average Time per Response:** 12  
 minutes.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 1,000.

**Frequency:** On occasion and annually.

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

**Total Burden Cost (operating/  
 maintenance):** \$4,800.

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: March 2, 2012.

**Vincent Alvarez,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers'  
 Compensation Programs, US Department of  
 Labor.*

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 CORPORATION**

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**Notice of Quarterly Report (October 1,  
 2011–December 31, 2011)**

**AGENCY:** Millennium Challenge  
 Corporation.

**SUMMARY:** The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is reporting for the quarter October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, on assistance provided under section 605 of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), as amended (the Act), and on transfers or allocations of funds to other federal agencies under section 619(b) of the Act. The following report will be made available to the public by publication in the **Federal Register** and on the Internet Web site of the MCC ([www.mcc.gov](http://www.mcc.gov)) in accordance with section 612(b) of the Act.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

**T. Charles Cooper,**

*Vice President, Congressional and Public  
 Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation.*

**ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 605**

Projects	Obligated	Objectives	Cumulative expenditures	Measures
		Country: Madagascar	Year: 2012	Quarter 1
		Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Madagascar	Total Obligation: \$84,367,700	Total Quarterly Expenditures <sup>1</sup> : \$0
Land Tenure Project .....	\$29,470,242	<i>Increase Land Titling and Security.</i>	\$29,304,770	<p>Area secured with land certificates or titles in the Zones.</p> <p>Legal and regulatory reforms adopted.</p> <p>Number of land documents inventoried in the Zones and Antananarivo.</p> <p>Number of land documents restored in the Zones and Antananarivo.</p> <p>Number of land documents digitized in the Zones and Antananarivo.</p> <p>Average time for Land Services Offices to issue a duplicate copy of a title.</p> <p>Average cost to a user to obtain a duplicate copy of a title from the Land Services Offices.</p> <p>Number of land certificates delivered in the Zones during the period.</p> <p>Number of new <i>guichets fonciers</i> operating in the Zones.</p> <p>The 256 <i>Plan Local d'Occupation Foncier</i>—Local Plan of Land Occupation (PLOFs) are completed.</p> <p>Volume of funds processed annually by the national payment system.</p> <p>Number of accountants and financial experts registered to become CPA.</p> <p>Number of Central Bank branches capable of accepting auction tenders.</p> <p>Outstanding value of savings accounts from CEM in the Zones.</p> <p>Number of Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) participating in the Refinancing and Guarantee funds.</p> <p>Maximum check clearing delay.</p> <p>Network equipment and integrator.</p> <p>Real time gross settlement system (RTGS).</p> <p>Telecommunication facilities.</p> <p>Retail payment clearing system.</p> <p>Number of CEM branches built in the Zones.</p> <p>Number of savings accounts from CEM in the Zones.</p> <p>Percent of Micro-Finance Institution (MFI) loans recorded in the Central Bank database.</p>
Financial Sector Reform Project.	\$23,535,781	<i>Increase Competition in the Financial Sector.</i>	\$23,535,781	