FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 amended Employee Income Security Act of 1974 section 101 to require plan administrators to furnish affected participants and beneficiaries of individual account pension plans with advance written notice of a “blackout period” during which the right to direct or diversify investments or obtain a loan or distribution may be temporarily suspended. The EBSA codified the corresponding regulatory requirement at 29 CFR 2520.101–3.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1210–0122. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2011 (76 FR 76439).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1210–0122. The OMB 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;
- Warrant 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 submission of responses.

Agency: DOL–EBSA.
Title of Collection: Notice of Blackout Period Under ERISA.
OMB Control Number: 1210–0122.
Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or Other For-Profits.
Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 46,200.
Total Estimated Number of Responses: 6,100,000.
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 195,800.
Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $1,900,000.

Michel Smyth,
Departmental Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Public Availability of the Department of Labor FY 2011 Service Contract Inventory

AGENCY: Office of Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor.


SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–117), Department of Labor (DOL) is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of its FY 2011 Service Contract Inventory. This inventory provides information on service contract actions over $25,000 made in FY 2011. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010 by the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP’s guidance is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/service-contract-inventories-guidance-11052010.pdf. DOL has posted its inventory and a summary of the inventory on the DOL homepage at http://www.dol.gov/dol/aboutdol/main.htm#inventory.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Gladys M. Bailey in the DOL/Office of Acquisition Management Services on (202) 693–7244 or bailey.gladys@dol.gov.

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