

program(s) that are included in the Combined State Plan.

This consolidated ICR for the Unified or Combined State Plan will replace existing planning information collections for the core programs. For States that choose to submit a Combined State Plan, the existing information collections for the program-specific State plans for the optional programs will continue to exist under their current control numbers. If the Combined State Plan is approved, the State is not required to submit any other plan to receive Federal funding for any optional program covered under that Combined State Plan (WIOA sec. 103(b)(2)). If a State plan for an optional program changes from the one approved under the Combined State Plan, the State may have to submit additional plans to the appropriate Department—such additional plans will be counted under the optional programs' existing information collection requirements.

Some of the optional programs that a State may include in the Combined State Plan currently fulfill their program-specific State planning requirements through a broader information collection administered by the program's appropriate Department. For example, section 103(b)(2) of WIOA specifically allows the employment and training activities carried out under the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and employment and training activities under the Department of Housing and Urban Development to be included in a WIOA Combined State Plan. However, the existing CSBG information collection, for example, includes planning elements for the employment and training activities along with planning elements for other activities under CSBG. Therefore, if States choose to include programs such as these in the Combined Plan, only the portion of the existing planning requirements that address the employment and training activities are included in the Combined State Plan (WIOA sec. 103), and States are still required to separately submit all other required elements of a complete CSBG State Plan directly to the Federal agency that administers the program.

Departmental program-specific State Plan requirements for the optional programs that may be included in the Combined State Plan will continue collecting data under the information collections currently approved by OMB. This Notice is not soliciting comments about these currently approved information collections.

As mentioned above, this ICR is intended to cover the State planning information collection requirements in sections 102 and 103 of WIOA. The notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposing regulations that would implement those sections was published on April 16, 2015, at 80 FR 20573. The comment period closed on June 15, 2015. The proposed regulations that correspond to these information collection requirements are: 20 CFR part 676 (WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs and Wagner-Peyser Act programs); 34 CFR part 361, subpart D (State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program); and 34 CFR part 463, subpart H (Adult Education and Family Literacy Act programs).

Sec. 102(c)(1)(A) of WIOA requires States to submit their first Unified State Plan to the Secretary of Labor not later than 120 days prior to the commencement of the second full program year after the date of enactment of WIOA, which was July 22, 2014. Therefore, the second full program year commences on July 1, 2016, and the State plans must be submitted no later than March 3, 2016. Approval of this ICR is required so that the States can begin working to develop their plans, a process that requires months of coordination among State agencies and other stakeholders.

The Departments have all worked together to develop this information collection; however, this information collection will initially be approved under a Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) account using the common forms clearance process that allows several agencies to use a single information collection instrument. Burden estimates for all the partner agencies have been included in this Notice, in order to facilitate an understanding of the full impact of the collection; however, in accordance with OMB guidance for common forms, the ICR submitted to OMB will initially identify only the ETA burdens. OMB approval of the ICR will trigger the ability for the other Federal agencies to formally submit requests to sign on the collection; those actions would not require additional notice or public comment. This ICR may receive OMB approval before Final Rules implementing WIOA are published. If this occurs, the Departments will submit another ICR for this collection to OMB to incorporate the Final Rule citations, as required by 5 CFR 1320.11(h). Those citations currently do not exist and, therefore, cannot be included at this time. Additionally, the Departments will review, analyze, and incorporate

any comments received on the NPRM that are relevant to this ICR together with comments we receive in response to this **Federal Register** Notice in order to finalize the substantive information collection requirements to the extent legally possible.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Wage and Hour Division

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Information Collections Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act

AGENCY: Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed revision to the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Information Collections Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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. A copy of the proposed information request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before October 5, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Control Number 1235-0001, by either one of the following methods: *Email:* WHDPRAComments@dol.gov; *Mail, Hand Delivery, Courier:* Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monty Navarro, Acting Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Materials associated with this information collection may be reviewed at: <http://www.dol.gov/whd/specialemloyment/14cpra.htm>. Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-0023 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the Department of Labor administers the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. 201, *et seq.*, which sets the Federal minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and youth employment standards of most general application. See 29 U.S.C. 206, 207, 211, 212. FLSA section 14(c) provides that the Secretary of Labor, “to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment, shall by regulation or order provide for the employment, under special certificates, of individuals” whose productivity for the work performed is limited by disability at subminimum wages commensurate with the individual’s productivity. 29 U.S.C. 214(c). In accordance with section 14(c), the WHD regulates the employment of individuals with disabilities under special certificates and governs the application and approval process for obtaining the certificates. See 29 CFR part 525. DOL proposes to revise Form WH-226, the Application for Authority to Employ Workers with Disabilities at Special Minimum Wages, and WH-226A, the Supplemental Data Sheet for Application for Authority to Employ Workers with Disabilities at Special Minimum Wages. The proposed new information collections on these forms will assist DOL in fulfilling its statutory directive to administer and enforce the section 14(c) program, including the new conditions introduced to section 14(c) certificate holders pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which was signed into law on July 22, 2014. Forms WH-226 and WH-226A are the only information collections under Control Number 1235-0001 that DOL proposes to revise at this time.

In addition, section 11(d) of the FLSA authorizes the Secretary of Labor to regulate, restrict, or prohibit industrial homework as necessary to prevent circumvention or evasion of the minimum wage requirements of the Act. 29 U.S.C. 211(d). Pursuant to section 11(d), the WHD issues special certificates governing the employment of individual homeworkers and employers of homeworkers. DOL restricts homework in seven industries (*i.e.*, knitted outerwear, women’s apparel, jewelry manufacturing, gloves and mittens, button and buckle manufacturing, handkerchief manufacturing, and embroideries) to those employers who obtain certificates. See 29 CFR 530.1, 530.2. The DOL may issue individual certificates in those industries for an individual

homeworker (1) who is unable to adjust to factory work because of a disability or who must remain at home to care for a person with a disability in the home, and (2) who has been engaged in industrial homework in the particular industry prior to certain specified dates as set forth in the regulations or is engaged in industrial homework under the supervision of a State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. See 29 CFR 530.3, 530.4. The DOL also allows employers to obtain general (employer) certificates to employ homeworkers in all restricted industries, except women’s apparel and hazardous jewelry manufacturing operations. See 29 CFR 530.101. Form WH-2, the Application for Special Industrial Homeworker’s Certificate, and Form WH-46, the Application for Certificate to Employ Homeworkers, are used in the application process for obtaining these certificates, and Form WH-75, Homeworker Handbook, is used to assist with recordkeeping. No revisions to these forms are proposed at this time.

The FLSA also requires that the Secretary of Labor, to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of employment opportunities, provide certificates authorizing the employment of full-time students at: (1) not less than 85 percent of the applicable minimum wage or less than \$1.60, whichever is higher, in retail or service establishments or in institutions of higher education (29 U.S.C. 214(b)(1), (3); 29 CFR part 519); and (2) not less than 85 percent of the applicable minimum wage or less than \$1.30, whichever is higher, in agriculture (29 U.S.C. 214(b)(2), 29 CFR part 519). The FLSA and the regulations set forth the application requirements as well as the terms and conditions for the employment of full-time students at subminimum wages under certificates and temporary authorization to employ such students at subminimum wages. The forms used to apply for these certificates are WH-200 (retail, service, or agricultural employers seeking to employ full-time students for 10 percent or more of total monthly hours of employment), WH-201 (institution of higher learning seeking to employ its students), and WH-202 (retail, service, or agricultural employers seeking to employ six or fewer full-time students). No revisions to these forms are proposed at this time.

FLSA section 14(a) requires that the Secretary of Labor, to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of employment opportunities, provide by regulations or order for the employment of learners, apprentices, and messengers who, under special certificates may be

paid less than the statutory minimum wage. See 29 U.S.C. 214(a). This section also authorizes the Secretary to set limitations on such employment as to time, number, proportion, and length of service. The regulations at 29 CFR part 520 contain the provisions that implement the section 14(a) requirements. Form WH-205 is the application an employer uses to obtain a certificate to employ student-learners at wages lower than the federal minimum wage. Form WH-209 is the application an employer uses to request a certificate authorizing the employer to employ learners and/or messengers at subminimum wage rates. Regulations issued by the DOL's Office of Apprenticeship no longer permit the payment of subminimum wages to apprentices in an approved program; therefore, DOL has not issued apprentice certificates since 1987. See 29 CFR 29.5(b)(5). However, the WHD must maintain the information collection for apprentice certificates in order for the agency to fulfill its statutory obligation under FLSA to maintain this program. No revisions to these forms are proposed at this time.

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;
- 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 proposed 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 submissions of responses.

III. *Current Actions*: The Department of Labor seeks an approval for the revision of this information collection in order to ensure effective administration of various special employment programs.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Wage and Hour Division.

Title: Information Collections Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

OMB Number: 1235-0001.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Agency Numbers: Forms WH-2, WH-46, WH-75, WH-200, WH-201, WH-202, WH-205, WH-209, WH-226, WH-226A.

Total Respondents: 4,355.

Total Annual Responses: 10,300.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 15,178.

Estimated Time per Response: Ranges from 10 minutes to 120 minutes depending on the form.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Total Burden Cost (operation/maintenance): \$3,498.

Dated: July 31, 2015.

Mary Ziegler,

Assistant Administrator for Policy.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education: Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (9487).

Dates: September 16 & 17, 2015: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Diane Pataki, Program Director, National Science Foundation, Suite 655, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Email: dpataki@nsf.gov.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

Agenda

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

- Approval of minutes from past meeting
- Updates on recent NSF and other agency environmental activities
- Distribute and discuss the group's new document entitled, America's Future: Environmental Research and Education for a Thriving Century
- Presentation by Ken Calderia

- Meet with NSF Assistant Directors
Thursday, September 17, 2015

- Discuss and refine draft of the Decadal Vision for Environmental Research and Education document (Continued)

- Meet with the NSF Director
- AC Business—Set date for next meeting

Dated: July 31, 2015.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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REAGAN-UDALL FOUNDATION FOR THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

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Request for Steering Committee Nominations

ACTION: Request for nominations to the Steering Committee for the Foundation's Big Data for Patients (BD4P) Program.

SUMMARY: The Reagan-Udall Foundation (RUF) for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which was created by Title VI of the Food and Drug Amendments of 2007, is requesting nominations for its Big Data for Patients (BD4P) Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will provide oversight and guidance for the BD4P program, and will report to the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA's Board of Directors.

DATES: All nominations must be submitted to the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA by Friday, September 4, 2015. The BD4P Steering Committee members will be selected by the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA's Board of Directors; those selected will be notified by September 30 regarding the Board's decision. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for Steering Committee responsibilities, selection criteria and nomination instructions.

ADDRESSES: The Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA is located at 1025 Connecticut Ave. NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions should be sent to The Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA, 202-828-1205, BD4P@ReaganUdall.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA (the Foundation) is an independent