DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

[F.C.S.C. Meeting and Hearing Notice No. 01–19]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR part 503.25) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of open meetings as follows:

Thursday, February 28, 2019: 10:00 a.m.—Issuance of Proposed Decisions in claims against Iraq.
E.O. 13496 advances the Administration’s goal of promoting economy and efficiency of Federal government procurement by ensuring that workers employed in the private sector as a result of Federal government contracts are informed of their rights to engage in union activity and collective bargaining. Knowledge of such basic statutory rights promotes stable labor-management relations, thus reducing costs to the Federal government.

The contractual provisions require contractors and subcontractors to post a notice, created by the Secretary of Labor, informing employees of their rights under the National Labor Relations Act. The notice also provides a statement of the policy of the United States to encourage collective bargaining, as well as a list of activities that are illegal under the Act. The notice concludes with a general description of the remedies to which employees may be entitled if these rights have been violated and contact information for further information about those rights and remedies, as well as enforcement procedures.

The clause also requires contractors to include the same clause in their nonexempt subcontracts and purchase orders, and describes generally the sanctions, penalties, and remedies that may be imposed if the contractor fails to satisfy its obligations under the Order and the clause.

The regulatory provisions implementing E.O. 13496 (29 CFR part 471) include the language of the required notices, and they explain posting and contractual requirements, the complaint process, the investigatory process, and sanctions, penalties, and remedies that may be imposed if the contractor or subcontractor fails to comply with its obligations under the Order. Specifically, 29 CFR part 471.11(c) sets forth the procedures that the Department must use when accepting written complaints alleging that a contractor doing business with the Federal government has failed to post the notice required by the Executive Order.

**Type of Review:** Extension.  
**Agency:** Office of Labor-Management Standards.  
**OMB Number:** 1245–0004.  
**Affected Public:** Employees of Federal Contractors and Subcontractors.  
**Total Respondents:** 10.  
**Total Annual Responses:** 10.  
**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 12.80.  
**Estimated Time per Response:** 1.28 hours.  
**Frequency:** On occasion of employee of a Federal contractor or subcontractor filing a complaint alleging a violation of proposed 29 CFR part 471.

**Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):** $5.90 ($0.59 per response × 10 respondents).

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

**Employee Complaints Cost:** $351.70 ($35.17 per response × 10 respondents).

**Total Annual Burden Cost:** $357.60 ($5.90 + $351.70).

Total respondent and responses estimates are based upon the estimate of 10 in the previous E.O. 13496 extension of information collection, in 2016. See 81 FR 7376. Since 2016, the Department has received 0 complaints. The Department maintains the estimate of 10 complaints for purposes of this renewal request.

The Department has not adjusted its total employee complaint hour estimate of 1.28 hours, which it estimated in the E.O. 13496 final rule. 75 FR 28368.

Based on the average seasonally-adjusted hourly earnings on private non-farm payrolls for all workers of $27.48, we estimate that an employee will incur a cost of approximately $35.17 for the 1.28 hours involved ($27.48 × 1.28) in preparing a complaint. The total hourly cost for all employees is therefore $351.70. Additionally, employees will incur costs of $0.59 per complaint in capital/start-up costs ($0.55 for postage + $0.03 for an envelope + $0.01 for paper) for a total cost of $5.90. (Although employees will submit many if not all complaints via email, the Department assumes, conservatively, that it will receive all via mail.) The total cost for the estimated 10 complaints is therefore $357.60 ($351.70 + $5.90). There are no ongoing operation/maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

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: February 8, 2019.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any mandatory safety standard to a coal or...