

published its first national standard, ANSI/AIHA Z10, which was revised in 2012. Most recently, in 2018, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) published an international standard, ISO 45001.

All of these are based on principles such as those found in ISO 9001, a standard that help organizations manage quality, and ISO 14001, a standard focused on environmental management. Each promotes a continuous process in which the organization establishes goals, implements programs and actions to achieve those goals, monitors and evaluates its performance and progress, and makes adjustments to improve the system and its performance. Organizations that adopt these standards may choose to have their conformance certified by an accredited third party auditor.

The Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is conducting a study to assess employers' adoption of voluntary consensus-based safety and health standards. The goal of this study is to better understand how these voluntary standards are developed and administered, the types of organizations that adopt such standards and their motivation for doing so, the perceived and actual benefits and costs of their adoption, their relationship to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, and the extent to which the standards promote compliance. OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) is not included in this study because unlike

the standards described above it was not developed through a voluntary industry consensus process.

As part of this effort, CEO intends to collect data from employers who have adopted these standards. Specifically, CEO intends to collect information on:

1. The types of employers that adopt these standards and their motivation for doing so. This will include information that characterize the demographics of the companies that adopt these standards (size, industry sector, etc.) and their health and safety practices.

2. The perceived and actual benefits and costs of adopting voluntary standards. This will include information on the perceived or actual changes in injuries or illnesses, workplace safety, employee morale, productivity, turnover, profitability. CEO will also collect information on the costs of implementing these programs.

CEO intends to compare these data to information from other sources on the companies that have not adopted voluntary safety and health management systems.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on CEO's proposed data collection and the approach that CEO plans to use in collecting these data.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments:** Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for its study to assess employer adoption of voluntary health and safety programs. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

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

- 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—for example, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**III. Current Actions:** At this time, the Department of Labor is requesting clearance for a survey of companies that have adopted voluntary safety and health management systems.

*Type of Review:* New information collection request.

*OMB Control Number:* 1290-0NEW.

*Affected Public:* Companies that have adopted voluntary safety and health management systems.

Comments submitted in response to this request 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.

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS**

Type of instrument (form/activity)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden time per response (hours)	Estimated burden hours
Employer Survey .....	1,000	1	1,000	0.50	500

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Labor Standards for Federal Service Contracts—Regulations 29 CFR Part 4**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Labor Standards for Federal Service

Contracts—Regulations," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before January 21, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the *RegInfo.gov* website at <http://>

[www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201907-1235-002](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201907-1235-002) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Frederick Licari by telephone at 202-693-8073, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-WHD, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor—OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frederick Licari by telephone at 202-693-8073, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Labor Standards for Federal Service Contracts—Regulations 29 CFR part 4 information collection. DOL-WHD administers the McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act (SCA), 41 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.* The McNamara-O'Hara SCA applies to every contract entered into by the United States or the District of Columbia, the principal purpose of which is to furnish services to the United States through the use of service employees. The SCA requires contractors and subcontractors performing services on covered federal or District of Columbia contracts in excess of \$2,500 to pay service employees in various classes no less than the monetary wage rates and to furnish fringe benefits found prevailing in the locality, or the rates (including prospective increases) contained in a predecessor contractor's collective bargaining agreement. Safety and health standards also apply to such contracts. The compensation requirements of the SCA are enforced by the WHD.

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 the OMB under the PRA approves it 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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1235-0007.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2019. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 20, 2019 (84 FR 22903).

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 thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1235-0007. 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;
- 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 submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL-WHD.

*Title of Collection:* Labor Standards for Federal Service Contracts—Regulations 29 CFR part 4.

*OMB Control Number:* 1235-0007.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 123,333.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 123,463 responses.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 123,514 hours.

- *Vacation Benefit Seniority List:* 1 hour.
- *Conformance Record:* 30 minutes.
- *Conformance Indexing:* 2 hours.
- *Collective Bargaining Agreement:* 5 minutes.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2020-009]

### Records Management; General Records Schedule (GRS); GRS Transmittal 30

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of new General Records Schedule (GRS) Transmittal 30.

**SUMMARY:** NARA is issuing revisions to the General Records Schedule (GRS). The GRS provides mandatory disposition instructions for administrative records common to several or all Federal agencies. Transmittal 30 includes only changes we have made to the GRS since we published Transmittal 29 in December 2017. Additional GRS schedules remain in effect that we are not issuing via this transmittal.

**DATES:** This transmittal is applicable December 19, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You can find all GRS schedules, crosswalks, and FAQs at <http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/grs.html> (in Word, PDF, and CSV formats). You can download the complete current GRS, in PDF format, from the same location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information about this notice or to obtain paper copies of the GRS, contact Kimberly Keravuori, Regulatory and External Policy Program Manager, by email at [regulation\\_comments@nara.gov](mailto:regulation_comments@nara.gov) or by telephone at 301.837.3151.

Writing and maintaining the GRS is the GRS Team's responsibility. This team is part of Records Management Services in the National Records