

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: Foreign labor certification programs administered by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor (DOL or Department) require State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) to initially process applications for temporary labor certifications (H-2A and H-2B) filed by U.S. employers on behalf of foreign workers seeking to be employed in the U.S. SWAs are also responsible for issuing prevailing wage determinations, reviewing employer-provided wage surveys or other source data, conducting housing inspections of facilities offered to migrant and seasonal workers, and conducting and monitoring recruitment activities seeking qualified U.S. workers for the temporary jobs employers are attempting to fill with foreign workers. The SWAs perform these functions under a reimbursable grant that is awarded annually. The information pertaining to these functions is proposed to be collected on the Form ETA 9127 and will be used by Departmental staff to manage foreign (alien) labor certification programs in the SWAs. The Department will use the data collected to: (1) Monitor the number of temporary applications that are received, processed, and forwarded to the national processing centers; (2) determine the number of prevailing wage determinations issued to employers under the permanent and temporary labor certification programs, as well as, the H-1B program for nonimmigrant professionals in specialty occupations; and, (3) track the number of agricultural prevailing wage and practice surveys conducted, housing inspections made, and job orders filed. The information on workload will be used for formulating budget estimates for both state and Federal workloads, and for monitoring a State's performance against the grant statement of work and work plan. Without such information, the budget workload figures will be estimates and the allocation of funding to the SWAs will not reflect the true workload in a State.

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:

In order to meet its statutory responsibilities under the INA, the Department needs to extend an existing collection of information to continue to collect data from SWAs.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Foreign Labor Certification Quarterly Activity Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0457.

Agency Number(s): Form ETA 9127.

Recordkeeping: Quarterly.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal governments.

Total Respondents: 54 State Workforce Agencies.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 432.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment 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.

Dated: December 29, 2008.

William L. Carlson,

Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certifications.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

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ITT Marine & Leisure, Gloucester, MA, Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on November 12, 2008 in response to a worker petition filed by the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training Services on behalf of workers at ITT Marine & Leisure, Gloucester, Massachusetts.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of December 2008.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-64,368]

Newport Corporation, Irvine, CA; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on November 6, 2008 in response to a worker petition filed the State Workforce Office on behalf of workers at Newport Corporation, Irvine, California.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of December 2008.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**Copyright Royalty Board**

[Docket No. 2009-1 CRB Webcasting III]

Digital Performance in Sound Recordings and Ephemeral Recordings

AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice announcing commencement of proceeding with request for Petitions to Participate.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges are announcing the commencement of the proceeding to determine the reasonable rates and terms for two statutory licenses, permitting certain digital performances of sound recordings and the making of ephemeral recordings for the period beginning January 1, 2011, and ending on December 31, 2015. The Copyright Royalty Judges also are announcing the date by which a party who wishes to participate in the rate determination proceeding must file its Petition to Participate and the accompanying \$150 filing fee.