

comments is March 30, 2018. Comments shall be limited to no more than ten (10) double-spaced and single-sided pages of textual material.

Parties are advised to consult with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subpart A (19 CFR part 207) for provisions of general applicability concerning written submissions to the Commission. All written submissions must conform to the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform to the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's *Handbook on E-Filing*, available on the Commission's website at <http://edis.usitc.gov>, elaborates upon the Commission's rules with respect to electronic filing.

Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to section 201.12 of the Commission's rules, will not be accepted unless good cause is shown for accepting such submissions or unless the submission is pursuant to a specific request by a Commissioner or Commission staff.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 20, 2018.

**Lisa R. Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Workforce Flexibility (Workflex) Plan Submission and Reporting Requirements**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, "Workforce Flexibility (Workflex) Plan Submission

and Reporting Requirements" to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before April 25, 2018.

**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=1205-0432](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=1205-0432) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to [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-ETA 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:** Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks approval under the PRA for revisions to the Workforce Flexibility (Workflex) Plan Submission and Reporting Requirements. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), 29 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*, and regulations 20 CFR 679.630 provide that the Secretary may grant Workflex waiver authority for up to five years pursuant to a Workflex plan submitted by a state. Workflex authorizes governors to approve local area requests to waive certain statutory and regulatory provisions of WIOA Title I programs. States may also request waivers from the Secretary of certain Wagner-Peyser Act requirements, as well as certain provisions of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA) for state agencies on aging with respect to activities carried under OAA funding. One of the

underlying principles for granting Workflex waivers is that the waivers will result in improved performance outcomes for persons served and that waiver authority will be granted in consideration of improved performance. This information collection has been classified as a revision, because it incorporates WIOA statutory and regulatory authorities; however, it should be noted that the WIOA information collections are substantively the same as those previously approved under the Workforce Investment Act. WIOA section 190 authorizes this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 3250.

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 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 1205-0432. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New requirements would only take effect upon OMB approval. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2017 (82 FR 54414).

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 1205-0432. 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–ETA.

*Title of Collection:* Workforce Flexibility (Workflex) Plan Submission and Reporting Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205–0432.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 25.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 210 hours.

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

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

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; General Provisions and Confined and Enclosed Spaces and Other Dangerous Atmospheres in Shipyard Employment Standards

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “General Provisions and Confined and Enclosed Spaces and Other Dangerous Atmospheres in Shipyard Employment Standards,” 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 April 25, 2018.

**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=201711-1218-004](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201711-1218-004) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129, 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).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the General Provisions and Confined and Enclosed Spaces and Other Dangerous Atmospheres in Shipyard Employment Standards information collection requirements codified in regulations 29 CFR part 1915. Regulations implementing the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) require an employer who is subject to the Standards: (1) To ensure a competent person conducts inspections and atmospheric testing prior to a worker entering a confined or enclosed space (§ 1915.12(a)–(c)); (2) to warn workers not to enter a hazardous space or other dangerous atmosphere (§§ 1915.12 (a)–(c), 1915.16); (3) to train a worker who will be entering a confined or enclosed space and certify such training has been provided (§ 1915.12(d)); (4) to establish and train shipyard rescue teams or arrange for outside rescue teams and provide them with information (§ 1915.12(e)); (5) to ensure one person on each rescue team maintains a current first aid training certificate (§ 1915.12(e)); (6) to exchange information regarding hazards, safety

rules, and emergency procedures concerning these spaces and atmospheres with other employers whose workers may enter these spaces and atmospheres (§ 1915.12(f)); (7) to ensure testing of a space having contained a combustible or flammable liquid or gas or toxic, corrosive, or irritating substance, or other dangerous atmosphere, boundary or pipeline before cleaning or other cold work is started and, as necessary thereafter, while the operation is ongoing (§ 1915.13(b)(2) and (4)); (8) to post signs prohibiting ignition sources within or near a space that contains bulk quantities of a flammable or combustible liquid or gas (§ 1915.13(b)(10)); (9) to ensure a confined or enclosed space is tested before a worker performs hot work in the work area (§ 1915.14(a)); (10) to post warnings of testing conducted by a competent person and certificates of testing conducted by a Marine Chemist or Coast Guard authorized person in the immediate vicinity of the hot-work operation while the operation is in progress (§ 1915.14(a) and (b)); and (11) to retain the certificate of testing on file for at least three months after completing the operation (§ 1915.14(a)(2)). OSH Act sections 2(b), 6, and 8 authorize this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 651(b), 655, and 657.

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 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 1218–0011.

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 March 31, 2018. 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