

- 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

The BLS plans to make several changes to the processes and procedures used to collect data in the OES program.

We plan to evaluate whether the number of different survey forms used in the OES survey (currently 82 different forms) can be reduced when the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is introduced in the 2002 OES program (October 12, November 12, and December 12, 2002 reference dates). The evaluation will take place after the results of the 2002 survey staffing patterns have been examined.

The current survey reference period is a single quarter. In order to more properly reflect the annual average employment and wages, consideration is being given to using two or more quarters as reference periods. (The OES sample size would not be increased with a change to multiple reference periods.)

Together with our State partners, the BLS is exploring tailoring the mail questionnaire to specific respondents in order to reduce respondent burden. This customization could include using a reduced occupation list on the form to make the list specific for the intended establishment.

Currently, the front of the survey form solicits information on industry, operating status, total number of workers, and contact person for the establishment. In the past, the OES program asked for the total number of employees working in Research and Development. In this proposed revision, the BLS is requesting the flexibility to replace such questions with question(s) that may assist in the evaluation of changes in workforce dynamics, such as

the introduction of new technologies (e.g., e-commerce).

The BLS and the States plan to test, and implement if the test is successful, collection of OES data by electronic means, including using the Internet.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Report on Occupational Employment.

OMB Number: 1220-0042.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency: Annual.

Total Responses: 317,492.

Average Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 238,119.

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

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

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of February 2001.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

113th Full Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 113th open meeting of the full Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2001, in Room S-2508, U.S. Department of Labor Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the meeting, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m., is to consider the items listed below:

- I. Welcome and Introduction and Swearing In of New Council Members
- II. Report from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Pension

and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA)

III. Introduction of PWBA Senior Staff

IV. Summary of the 2000 Final Reports Made by Advisory Council Working Groups

V. Determination of Topics to Be Addressed by Council Working Groups for 2001

VI. Statements from the General Public

VII. Adjournment

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topics the Council may wish to study for the year concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before February 28, 2001 to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Suite N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their requests to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8921. Oral presentations will be limited to ten minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by February 28 at the address indicated.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before February 28, 2001.

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of February, 2001.

Alan D. Lebowitz,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (01-026)]

NASA Advisory Council, Minority Business Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announce a forthcoming meeting of the