be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor. To obtain copies, contact Darrin King on 202-693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: king.darrin@ dol.gov. Send comments regarding this proposed collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to the U.S. Department of Labor, GovBenefits Office, FPB, Room N–4309, Washington, DC 20210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The President’s Management Agenda for E-Government (February 27, 2002) sets forth a strategy for simplifying the delivery of services to citizens. The President’s agenda outlines a Federal E-Government Enterprise Architecture that will transition the management and delivery of government services from a bureaucracy-centered to a citizen-centered paradigm. To this end, the Department of Labor serves as the managing partner of the Administration’s “GovBenefits” strategy for assisting citizens in identifying and locating information on benefits sponsored by the Federal government and State governments. This tool will greatly reduce the burden on citizens attempting to locate services available from many different government agencies by providing one-stop access to information on obtaining those services. Respondents answer a series of questions to the extent necessary for locating relevant information on Federal benefits. Responses are used by the respondent to expedite the identification and retrieval of sought after information and resources pertaining to the benefits sponsored by the Federal Government.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

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

OMB approval for this collection of information is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2005. This notice requests extended approval from OMB for the collection of information required for locating information on the GovBenefits web site.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Office of the Secretary.

Title: Information Collection Plan for GovBenefits.

OMB Number: 1290–0003.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 6,367,428.

Number of Responses: 6,367,428.

Average Time per Response: 2 minutes

Estimated Burden Hours: 191,023

Total Annualized Capital/startup costs: $0.

Total Initial Annual Costs: $0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the agency’s request for OMB approval of the information collection request. Comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 28, 2005.

Cesar Deguzman,
Department of Labor, GovBenefits Project Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans
Nominations for Vacancies

Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 88 Stat. 895, 29 U.S.C. 1142, provides for the establishment of an Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (the Council), which is to consist of 15 members to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) as follows: Three representatives of employee organizations (at least one of whom shall be representative of an organization whose members are participants in a multiemployer plan); three representatives of employers (at least one of whom shall be representative of employers maintaining or contributing to multiemployer plans); one representative each from the fields of insurance, corporate trust, actuarial counseling, investment counseling, investment management, and accounting; and three representatives from the general public (one of whom shall be a person representing those receiving benefits from a pension plan). No more than eight members of the Council shall be members of the same political party.

Members shall be persons qualified to appraise the programs instituted under ERISA. Appointments are for terms of three years. The prescribed duties of the Council are to advise the Secretary with respect to the carrying out of his or her functions under ERISA, and to submit to the Secretary, or his or her designee, recommendations with respect thereto. The Council will meet at least four times each year.

The terms of five members of the Council expire on November 14, 2005. The groups or fields they represent are as follows: (1) Employee organizations; (2) employers; (3) corporate trust; (4) the investment management profession; and (5) the general public. The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse ERISA Advisory Council.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that any person or organization desiring to recommend one or more individuals for appointment to the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to represent any of the groups or fields specified in the preceding paragraph, may submit recommendations to Larry Good, ERISA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of the “Current Population Survey (CPS) Disability Questions Test,” to be conducted in February 2006. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the Addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before September 16, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number (202) 691–7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number (202) 691–7628. (See Addresses section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The February 2006 CPS Disability Questions Test will be conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The Test will gather information on the disability status of CPS respondents. The BLS will use the data to assess the effectiveness of new questions designed to identify persons with disabilities within the context of the CPS. Additionally, the BLS will be able to evaluate the effect that adding these questions to the CPS on a monthly basis will have on that survey’s response rates. Other groups who may find these data to be of interest include veterans groups, educational associations, and disability advocacy groups.

Because the Disability Questions Test is part of the CPS, the same detailed demographic information collected in the CPS will be available on respondents to the Test. Data concerning disabled persons will be possible across characteristics such as sex, race, age, and educational attainment of the respondent.

II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the CPS Disability Questions Test.

Type of Review: New collection.


Title: CPS Disability Questions Test.

OMB Number: 1220–NEW.

Affected Public: Households.

Total Respondents: 22,500.

Frequency: Once.

Total Responses: 43,500.

Average Time per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 750 hours.

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

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

III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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 submissions of responses.

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.