

provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the following: (1) The development and implementation of policies, legislation and regulations affecting the National Registered Apprenticeship system; (2) strategies that can expand the use of the Registered Apprenticeship model in non-traditional industries such as, but not limited to, Hospitality, Financial Services, Transportation/Logistics, Healthcare, Energy, Advanced Manufacturing, and Information Technology and Communications; (3) ways to more effectively partner with the public workforce system, workforce intermediaries, International apprenticeship partners, and educational institutions and communities to leverage Registered Apprenticeship as a valued post-secondary credential; including policies related to the Registered Apprenticeship College Consortium; (4) priorities and strategic investments to help in the development of career pathways that can generate access for everyone and sustained employment for new and incumbent workers, youth, Veterans, women, minorities and other under-utilized and disadvantaged populations; and (5) efforts to improve performance, quality and oversight, and utilization of the National Registered Apprenticeship system. The current ACA Charter will expire on January 14, 2017. The ACA's Charter is required to be renewed every two years. Since the Charter was last renewed in January 2015, it has been revised in four sections to ensure alignment with departmental priorities. The following four sections have been updated (1) Objectives and Scope of Activities; (2) Designated Federal Officer; and (3) Representation under the Membership and Designation; and (4) Recordkeeping.

Summary of the Changes

1. *Objectives and Scope of Activities:* The objectives and scope section of the ACA Charter outlines the areas of focus where the ACA will provide advice and recommendations. ETA is expanding and engaging with non-traditional apprenticeship partners, such as workforce intermediaries, and international partners. ETA also seeks to have ongoing engagement and feedback from the ACA on the impact of funding investments being made under the ApprenticeshipUSA initiative. The current ACA Charter states that the ACA will advise on ways to more effectively partner with the public workforce system, educational institutions and communities to leverage Registered Apprenticeship as a valued post-secondary credential. The proposed

ACA Charter is being updated to reflect ETA's efforts to expand its partnerships to include workforce intermediaries, and interested partners from the international apprenticeship community. The proposed Charter is further updated to include the need for the ACA provide advice and recommendations on the impact of priorities and strategic investments being made under ApprenticeshipUSA.

2. *Designated Federal Officer:* The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) section of the Charter is being updated to reflect leadership changes within ETA and subsequent shift of the DFO responsibilities from the Administrator of the Office of Apprenticeship to the Deputy Administrator for National Office Policy from the Office of Apprenticeship.

3. *Representation:* The Representation section of the Charter is being updated to better align the ACA membership with the ACA's focus on Registered Apprenticeship. NAGLO does not focus solely on Registered Apprenticeship matters. The Representation section of the Charter is being further updated to streamline the number of ex-officio members from Federal agencies represented on the ACA. The current Charter reflects ex-officio membership for five Federal agencies: The U.S. Departments of (1) Commerce, (2) Education, (3) Energy, (4) Health and Human Services, and (5) Labor. A major part of ETA's apprenticeship expansion focuses on expanding Registered Apprenticeship as a premiere workforce development strategy among businesses, workforce development entities, post-secondary institutions, Career and Technical Education and other educational institutions. The proposed Charter is being updated to streamline the number of Federal agencies represented on the ACA to the Departments of Commerce, Education, and Labor. ETA will continue to engage with other Federal agencies as appropriate.

4. *Recordkeeping:* The Recordkeeping section of the Charter is being updated to reflect changes to the General Records Schedule for advisory committees. The current Charter states that the records of the ACA shall be handled in accordance with the General Records Schedule 26, item 2 and the approved records disposition schedule for the Employment and Training Administration. The proposed Charter is being updated to reflect changes in the General Records Schedule for advisory committees; records of the ACA will be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2, Federal Advisory Committee Records, and the approved

records disposition schedule for the Employment and Training Administration.

Signed at Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Welding, Cutting, and Brazing Standard

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Welding, Cutting, and Brazing Standard" 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 18, 2017.

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 Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201611-1218-008 (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.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-OSHA, 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. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Welding, Cutting, and Brazing Standard information collection. More specifically, regulations 29 CFR 1910.255(e) requires that a periodic inspection of resistance welding equipment be made by qualified maintenance personnel and a certification record generated and maintained. The certification shall include the date of the inspection, the signature of the person who performed the inspection and the serial number, or other identifier, for the equipment inspected. The maintenance inspection ensures that welding equipment is in safe operating condition, while the maintenance record provides evidence that employers performed the required inspections. Occupational Safety and Health Act sections 2(b)(3) and 8(c) authorize this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 651(b)(3), 657(c).

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 1218-0207.

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 February 28, 2017. 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 September 29, 2016 (81 FR 67003).

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 1218-0207. 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-OSHA.

Title of Collection: Welding, Cutting, and Brazing Standard.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0207.

Affected Public: Private Sector—business or other for profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,471.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 81,884.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 5,732 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

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

Dated: December 12, 2016.

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; Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as Amended

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as Amended," 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.

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