

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* November 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) or telephone 202-402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* Application for Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Grant Programs and Quality Assurance Plans.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2539-0015.

*Type of Request:* Renewal with some changes due to program changes.

*Form Numbers:* SF 424, SF 424, HUD-424CBW, HUD-27061, HUD-2880, HUD-2991, HUD-96008, HUD-96011, SF-LLL, HUD-96012, HUD-96013, HUD-96014, HUD-96015.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Applications for lead-based paint hazard control, lead hazard reduction

demonstration, healthy homes productions, healthy homes technical studies, and lead technical studies grants, and quality assurance plans for those technical studies grants.

*Respondents:* Cities, States and municipalities, universities, private companies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 250.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual.

*Average Hours per Response:* 60.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 15,000 hours, \$607,500.

#### B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: September 6, 2017.

**Matthew Ammon,**

*Director, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Evaluation of the American Apprenticeship Initiative

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to

reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance 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). 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 is properly assessed.

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data on the Evaluation of the American Apprenticeship Initiative. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before November 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either one of the following methods:

*Email:* [ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov](mailto:ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov); *Mail or Courier:* Janet Javar, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Javar by email at [ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov](mailto:ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. *Background:* The American Apprenticeship Initiative awarded funds to 46 grantees to support the expansion of quality and innovative apprenticeship training programs. The Department of Labor is sponsoring an evaluation of this initiative that includes the following four components:

1. An implementation study to describe how grant programs develop,

operate and mature. It will examine the context in which the programs operate, the target group and recruitment strategies, employer perceptions of apprenticeship, partnerships, and training strategies.

2. An outcomes study to examine in-program and post-program outcomes of apprentices, particularly around employment, earnings, wages, and employment retention, as well as pre-intervention and post-intervention certification and credential attainment. Particular attention will be given to outcomes for underrepresented populations in apprenticeship.

3. A return on investment study to estimate the benefits and costs of apprenticeship to employers.

4. A demonstration study to examine which recruitment methods and marketing strategies most successfully encourage employers to offer apprenticeships.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on proposed data collection instruments that will be used in the evaluation:

- *Site visits.* To support the implementation study, site visits will document the program context, program organization and staffing, the components of apprenticeship programs, and other relevant aspects of

apprenticeship programs. During the visits, site teams will interview key grantee administrators, program staff, employers, training providers, and other key stakeholders using discussion guides.

- *Grantee survey.* To support the implementation study, an on-line survey will be administered to all 46 grantees for the purpose of systematically documenting program operations and the type of services provided across the study sites.

- *Demonstration management information system (MIS).* To support the demonstration study, the MIS will collect information on grantees' marketing and outreach activities to employers.

A future information collection request will include an employer survey and participant survey.

II. *Desired Focus of Comments:* Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the Evaluation of the American Apprenticeship Initiative. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

- 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.

- 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—for example, permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. *Current Actions:* At this time, the Department of Labor is requesting clearance for the implementation study site visits, grantee survey, and demonstration management information system (MIS).

*Type of Review:* New information collection request.

*OMB Control Number:* 1290-0NEW.

*Affected Public:* American Apprenticeship Initiative grantee staff and grantee partners involved in providing apprenticeship-related services through the grant.

ESTIMATED TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Instrument	Total number respondents	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden time per response (hours)	Annual estimated burden	Estimated total burden (hours)
Interview Protocol—Grant Director .....	10	3.33	2	2	13.33	40
Interview Protocol—Grantee staff .....	20	6.67	2	1	13.33	40
Interview Protocol—Community College Leadership .....	10	3.33	2	1	6.67	20
Interview Protocol—Community College Instructors .....	20	6.67	2	1	13.33	40
Interview Protocol—Employer Partners ...	20	6.67	2	1	13.33	40
Interview Protocol—Workforce Development partners .....	20	6.67	2	1	13.33	40
Interview Protocol—CFBOs, Social Service Partners .....	10	3.33	2	1	6.67	20
Interview Protocol—Union Representatives .....	10	3.33	2	1	6.67	20
Grantee Survey .....	* 41	13.67	1	4	54.67	164
MIS Data Entry—Grantee Supervisor .....	200	66.67	2	.25	33.33	100
MIS Data Entry—Grantee Staff .....	800	266.67	6	.25	400	1200
Total .....					574.66	1724

\* 46 grantees with an estimated 90% response rate.

Comments submitted in response to this 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: August 31, 2017.

**Molly Irwin,**  
Chief Evaluation Officer, U.S. Department of Labor.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. OSHA-2006-0028]

**MET Laboratories, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Update to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for MET Laboratories, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). Additionally, OSHA announces its final decision to add two new test standards to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards.

**DATES:** The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on September 13, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

*Press inquiries:* Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: *meilinger.francis@dol.gov*.

*General and technical information:* Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693-2110; email: *robinson.kevin@dol.gov*. OSHA’s Web page includes information about

the NRTL Program (see <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Notice of Final Decision**

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of MET Laboratories, Inc. (MET) as a NRTL. MET’s expansion covers the addition of three test standards to its scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification of the products.

The Agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational Web page for each NRTL that details its scope of recognition. These pages are available from the Agency’s Web site at: <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

MET submitted three applications, dated October 15, 2015 (OSHA-2006-0028-0031), March 2, 2016 (OSHA-2006-0028-0032), and March 18, 2016 (OSHA-2006-0028-0033), to expand its recognition to include three additional test standards, including two test standards to be added to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application

packets and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to these applications.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing MET’s expansion applications in the **Federal Register** on June 1, 2017 (82 FR 25338). The Agency requested comments by June 16, 2017, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of MET’s scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to MET’s application, go to: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-3508, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA-2006-0028 contains all materials in the record concerning MET’s recognition.

**II. Final Decision and Order**

OSHA staff examined MET’s expansion applications, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that MET meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitation and conditions listed below. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant MET’s scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of MET’s recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standards listed in Table 1 below.

Additionally, Table 2, below, lists the test standards new to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards. The Agency evaluated the standards to (1) verify they represent product categories for which OSHA requires certification by a NRTL, (2) verify the documents represent end products and not components, and (3) verify the documents define safety test specifications (not installation or operational performance specifications). Based on this evaluation, OSHA finds that they are appropriate test standards and has added these standards to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards.

TABLE 1—LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN MET’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 2108 .....	Standard for Low Voltage Lighting Systems.
UL 61010-2-91* .....	Standard for Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use—Part 2-091: Particular Requirements for Cabinet X-Ray Systems.