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Supplementary Information: This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the information collection requirements contained in Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption (PTE) 1998–54 that relates to certain employee benefit plan foreign exchange transactions executed pursuant to standing instructions. More specifically, the PTE permits certain foreign exchange transactions between employee benefit plans and certain banks and broker-dealers that are parties in interest with respect to such plans. In order that such transactions be consistent with Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) section 408(a), 29 U.S.C. 1108(a), requirements, the PTE imposes the following conditions at the time the foreign exchange transaction is entered into: (a) The terms of the transaction must not be less favorable than those available in comparable arm’s-length transactions between unrelated parties or those afforded by the bank or the broker-dealer in comparable arm’s-length transactions involving unrelated parties; (b) neither the bank nor the broker-dealer has any discretionary authority with respect to the investment of the assets involved in the transaction; (c) the bank or broker-dealer maintains at all times written policies and procedures regarding the handling of foreign exchange transactions for plans for which it is a party in interest which ensure that the party acting for the bank or the broker-dealer knows it is dealing with a plan; (d) the transactions are performed in accordance with a written authorization executed in advance by an independent fiduciary of the plan whose assets are involved in the transaction and who is independent of the bank or broker-dealer engaging in the covered transaction; (e) transactions are executed within one business day of receipt of funds; (f) the bank or the broker-dealer, at least once a day at a time specified in written procedures, establishes a rate or range of rates of foreign exchange transactions involving unrelated parties; (g) transactions are executed within one business day of receipt of funds; (h) the bank or the broker-dealer furnishes the authorizing transaction within five (5) days of execution; (i) the bank or the broker-dealer maintains records necessary for 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.
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR


Request for Information on Potential Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work Demonstration Projects

AGENCY: Office of Disability Employment Policy, DOL.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: Washington State’s workers’ compensation system runs several promising early intervention programs including the Centers of Occupational Health and Education (COHE) and the Early Return to Work and the Stay at Work programs, which provide early intervention and return-to-work services for individuals with work-related health conditions and their employers. The President’s FY2018 budget proposed that the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) jointly conduct a demonstration testing the effects of implementing key features of these programs in other states and/or for a broader population beyond workers’ compensation. To do that, we anticipate funding two to three states to operate projects with key elements drawn from the Washington State programs mentioned above, with an increased emphasis on access to employment-related supports, or fund the expansion of existing programs to include increased access to employment-related supports. The ultimate policy goal is to increase employment and labor force participation of individuals who have or are developing work disabilities. This request for information (RFI) seeks public input on how the proposed demonstration projects can best be designed to promote labor force attachment, coordinate employment and health services, and support injured and ill workers in returning to and remaining at work. The input we receive will inform our deliberations about the possible design of a future demonstration project.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 30, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of three methods—Internet, fax, or mail. Do not submit the same comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please refer to Docket No. DOL–2017–0003 in your comment pages so that we may associate your comments with the correct docket.

Caution: In your comments, you should be careful to include only the information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you not to include in your comments any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

1. Internet: We strongly recommend that you submit your comments via the Internet. Please visit the Federal eRulemaking portal at http://www.regulations.gov. Use the “Search” function to find docket number DOL–2017–0003. The system will issue a tracking number to confirm your submission. You will not be able to view your comment immediately because we must post each comment manually. It may take up to a week for your comment to be viewable.

2. Fax: Fax comments to (202) 693–7888.


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