DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs
Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, 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 can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Notice of Payment (LS–208). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before April 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by mail, delivery service, or by hand to Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Room S–3323, Washington, DC 20210; by fax to (202) 354–9647; or by Email to ferguson.yoon@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail/delivery, fax, or Email). Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be considered.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits to workers’ injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. In addition, several acts extend the Longshore Act’s coverage to certain other employees.

Under sections 914(b) & (c) of the Longshore Act, a self-insured employer or insurance carrier is required to pay compensation within 14 days after the employer has knowledge of the injury or death and immediately notify the district director of the payment. Under Section 914(g), the employer/carrier is required to issue notification of final payment of compensation. Form LS–208 has been designated as the proper form on which report of those payments is to be made.

II. Review Focus

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

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to meet the statutory requirements to provide compensation or death benefits under the Act to workers covered by the Act.

Agency: Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Notice of Payments.
OMB Number: 1240–0041.

Agency Number: LS–208.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.
Total Respondents: 600.
Total Annual Responses: 37,800.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 6,300.
Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.
Frequency: On occasion.
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): $0.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): $16,112.

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 6, 2018.
Yoon Ferguson,
Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs.

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The Commission’s work is also guided by a series of principles issued by the President on April 3, 2017. See House Doc 115–27, available at https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CDOC-115hdoc27/pdf/CDOC-115hdoc27.pdf. Those principles addressed questions raised by Congress that are similar to those included below under “Specific Topics to Address.”

The Commission is required to provide the President and Congress a final report containing its findings and recommendations regarding these matters no later than March 2020. In preparing the report, the Commission must engage the American public, hearing directly from them about these topics. In particular, Congress has directed the Commission to seek written comments from the general public and interested parties on matters of the Commission’s review within seven months of its establishment date, which means April 19, 2018. This notice and request for comments is intended to meet that statutory requirement.

II. Other Engagement Opportunities

The Commission is also receiving formal input from a number of Federal agencies. The Commission’s enabling statute requires the Secretary of Defense to issue a preliminary report on the current and future need for a centralized registration system under the Military Selective Service Act, and the Comptroller General to perform a review of the procedures used by the Defense Department in evaluating the selective service requirements. Additionally, several Federal agencies are required under the Commission’s enabling statute to offer to the Commission recommendations for the reform of the military selective service process and military, national, and public service in connection with that process.

The Commission will hold a series of public meetings on these topics as it prepares its report for Congress and the President. Information about those meetings will be made available on the Commission’s website, http://www.inspire2serve.gov.

III. Specific Topics to Address

The Commission would welcome comments on any of the specific topics for which Congress has requested Commission input. These are set forth above under “Background.”

In addition, the Commission would welcome comments on any of the following specific topics:

(1) Is a military draft or draft contingency still a necessary component of U.S. national security?

(2) Are modifications to the selective service system needed?

(3) How can the United States increase participation in military, national, and public service by individuals with skills critical to address the national security and other public service needs of the nation?

(4) What are the barriers to participation in military, national, or public service?

(5) Does service have inherent value, and, if so, what is it?

(6) Is a mandatory service requirement for all Americans necessary, valuable, and feasible?

(7) How does the United States increase the propensity for Americans, particularly young Americans, to serve?


Kent Abernathy,
Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings; National Science Board

The National Science Board (NSB), pursuant to National Science Foundation (NSF) regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1862n–5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of NSB business as follows:

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2018, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and Thursday, February 22, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST.

PLACE: These meetings will be held at the NSF headquarters, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314. Meetings are held in the boardroom on the 2nd floor. The public may observe public meetings held in the boardroom. All visitors must contact the Board Office (call 703–292–7000 or send an