

to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information 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 1219-0011. The current approval is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2012.

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 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1219-0011. 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-MSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Respirable Coal Mine Dust Sampling.

*OMB Control Number:* 1219-0011.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 800.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 63,193.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 8,571.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$44,065.

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**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities, Comment Request; Solicitation of Nominations for the Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labor**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the Solicitation of Nominations for the Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labor information collection request (ICR), as part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before November 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at *DOL\_PRA\_PUBLIC@dol.gov* to request additional information, including requesting a copy of this ICR. Submit comments regarding this ICR, including suggestions for reducing the burden, by sending an email to *DOL\_PRA\_PUBLIC@dol.gov*. Comments may also be sent to Michel Smyth, Departmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-1301, Washington, DC 20210.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOL Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labor, presented by the Secretary of Labor, is intended to recognize exceptional efforts to reduce the worst forms of child labor. The Award was created in response to a Senate Committee mandate directing the Secretary of Labor to establish an annual non-monetary award recognizing extraordinary efforts by an individual, company, organization, or national government to reduce the worst forms of child labor. The DOL is proposing to extend this ICR to allow the public to nominate and provide critical information on proposed candidates for this award who have demonstrated

extraordinary efforts to combat the worst forms of child labor.

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 if the collection of information 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 1290-0007. The current approval is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012; however, the DOL intends to seek continued approval for this collection of information for an additional three years.

The DOL, 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 an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before they are submitted to the OMB. This program helps to ensure 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 can be properly assessed. Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the individual listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and may be included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. The comments will become a matter of public record. To help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1290-0007.

The DOL 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-Office of the Secretary.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* Solicitation of Nominations for the Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labor.

*OMB Control Number:* 1290-0007.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for profits and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 50.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 500 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden:* \$0.

Dated: September 24, 2012.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Comment Request for Information Collection; Unemployment Insurance (UI) Title XII Advances and Voluntary Repayment Process; Extension Without Revisions

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the 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 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps 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, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection process for data on UI Title XII advances and voluntary repayments, which expires 11/30/2012.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before November 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Scott Gibbons, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Email: [gibbons.scott@dol.gov](mailto:gibbons.scott@dol.gov). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting Mr. Gibbons.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Title XII Section 1201 of the Social Security Act (SSA) provides for advances to states from the Federal Unemployment Account (FUA). The law further sets out specific requirements to be met by a state requesting an advance:

- The Governor, or designee, must apply for the advance;
- The application must cover a three month period and the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) must be furnished with estimates of the amounts needed in each month of the three month period;
- The application must be made on such forms and shall contain such information and data (fiscal and otherwise) concerning the operation and administration of the state unemployment compensation law as the Secretary deems necessary or relevant to the performance of his or her duties under this title;
- The amount required by any state for the payment of compensation in any month shall be determined with due allowance for contingencies and taking into account all other amounts that will be available in the state's unemployment fund for the payment of compensation in such month; and
- The term "compensation" means cash benefits payable to individuals with respect to their unemployment exclusive of expenses of administration.

Section 1202(a) of the SSA provides that the Governor of any state may at any time request that funds be transferred from the account of such state to the FUA in repayment of part or all of the balance of advances made to such state under section 1201. These applications and repayments may be requested by an individual designated for that authority in writing by the Governor.

##### II. Review Focus

The Department 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

*Type of Review:* Extension without changes.

*Title:* Unemployment Insurance (UI) Title XII Advances and Voluntary Repayment Process.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0199.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agencies.

*Form(s):* Not Applicable.

*Total Annual Respondents:* Up to 53.  
*Annual Frequency:* As needed, based on a state's discretion.

*Total Annual Responses:* DOL currently estimates that 24 states will borrow during fiscal year 2013, and 22 states could continue to be borrowing during calendar year 2014 and beyond. Although it's impossible to know the exact number of responses, the maximum would be four requests for advances and four requests for voluntary repayments per state each year. This will result in a maximum possible number of responses of 544 over the three year window or an average of 181.33 responses per year.  
*Average Time per Response:* 1 hour.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 181.33 hours.