

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Proposed 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) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. 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 Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Labor Organization and Auxiliary Reports (LM-1, LM-2, LM-3, LM-4, LM-10, LM-15, LM-15A, LM-16, LM-20, LM-21, LM-30, and S-1). A copy of the proposed information collection request 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 August 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, e-mail bell.hazel@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background

Congress enacted the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended (LMRDA), to provide for the disclosure of

information on the financial transactions and administrative practices of labor organizations. The statute also provides, under certain circumstances, for reporting by labor organization officers and employees, employers, labor relations consultants, and surety companies. Section 208 of the LMRDA authorizes the Secretary to issue rules and regulations prescribing the form of the required reports. The reporting provisions were devised to implement a basic tenet of the LMRDA: The guarantee of democratic procedures and safeguards within labor organizations that are designed to protect the basic rights of union members. Section 205 of the LMRDA provides that the reports are public information.

The Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) administers the reporting provisions of the LMRDA to the statute (29 U.S.C. 431 *et seq.*) and the implementing and interpreting regulations (29 CFR Chapter IV). This information collection is currently approved for use through November 30, 2006.

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 (DOL) seeks extension of the current approval to collect this information. An extension is necessary because the LMRDA explicitly requires the reporting and establishes the frequency of the required filings. The information collected by OLMS is used by union members to help self-govern their unions, by the general public, and as research material for both outside researchers and within the Department of Labor. The information is also used to assist DOL and other government agencies in detecting improper practices on the part of labor organizations, their officers and/or representatives, and others and is used by Congress in oversight and legislative functions. In addition to making Forms LM-2, LM-3, LM-4, LM-10, LM-20, LM-21, and LM-30 (from fiscal year 2000 to the present) available to the public online free of charge through its Internet Public Disclosure Room, (<http://unionreports.dol.gov/olmsWeb/docs/lmrda.htm>), OLMS receives and fulfills approximately 210 disclosure report requests per month.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Labor Organization and Auxiliary Reports.

OMB Number: 1215-0188.

Agency Number: LM-1, LM-2, LM-3, LM-4, LM-10, LM-15, LM-15A, LM-16, LM-20, LM-21, LM-30 and S-1.

Affected Public: Individual or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 27,849.

Total Responses: 27,849.

Time per Response (Reporting):

1,175,450.

Time per Response (Recordkeeping):

2,197,804.

Frequency: Semi-annually and Annually.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

3,373,254.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):

\$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING BURDEN HOURS

Forms	Responses	Hours per respondent for reporting	Reporting burden hours	Hours per respondent for recordkeeping	Recordkeeping burden hours	Total hours
LM-1	255	0.83	212	0.08	20	232
LM-2	3,827	146.00	558,742	390.00	1,492,530	2,051,272
LM-3	10,812	52.00	562,224	64.00	691,968	1,254,192
LM-4	6,355	8.00	50,840	2.00	12,710	63,550
LM-10	1,766	0.50	883	0.08	141	1,024
LM-15	354	1.50	531	0.33	117	648

REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Forms	Responses	Hours per respondent for reporting	Reporting burden hours	Hours per respondent for recordkeeping	Recordkeeping burden hours	Total hours
LM-15A	68	0.33	22	0.03	2	24
LM-16	95	0.33	31	0.02	2	33
LM-20	90	0.33	30	0.03	3	33
LM-21	11	0.50	6	0.08	1	7
LM-30	3,494	0.50	1,747	0.08	280	2,027
S-1	179	0.50	90	0.08	14	104
SARF*	543	0.17	92	0.03	16	108
Total	27,849	1,175,450	2,197,804	3,373,254

Note: Some numbers may not add due to rounding.
 *Simplified Annual Report Format.

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: June 1, 2006.

Ruben L. Wiley,

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

FY 2006 Stand Down Grant Requests

AGENCY: Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), Labor.

ACTION: Initial announcement of available FY 2006 funds under the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program to Support Local Stand Down Events.

Funding Opportunity No: 17-805.

SUMMARY: The Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) continues to support local Stand Down events that assist homeless veterans and is now accepting applications for Stand Down grant awards. A Stand Down is an event held in a local community where homeless veterans are provided a wide variety of social services. Under this FY 2006 announcement, VETS anticipates that up to \$325,000 will be available for grant awards up to a maximum of \$8,000 per event. However, if the event is held for one (1) day, the maximum amount is \$5,000. VETS expects to award approximately forty (40) grants. Applications for Stand Down funds will be accepted from State Workforce Agencies and State and local Workforce

Investment Boards, Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), local public agencies, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. VETS is not authorized to award these grant funds to organizations that are registered with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501(c)(4) organization.

DATES: All Stand Down grant requests must be received by the appropriate State Director for Veterans' Employment and Training (DVET) who serves as the Grant Officer Technical Representative (GOTR) no later than 60 days prior to the event and by no later than June 30, 2006, for events that occur on or prior to November 30, 2006. Events occurring after November 30, 2006, application will be accepted, and awarded as next year's federal appropriations or continuing resolution funding becomes available.

ADDRESSES: Applications for Stand Down grant funding are to be submitted to the appropriate State DVET/GOTR. Address and contact information for each State DVET/GOTR can be found at: <http://www2.dol.gov/vets/aboutvets/contacts/main.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops would assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food, and a relative degree of safety before returning to the front. Today more than 160 organizations across the country partner with local businesses, government agencies, and community- and faith-based service providers to hold Stand Down events for homeless veterans and their families in the local community.

Each year, the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training awards Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants to

programs that enhance employment and training opportunities and/or promote self-sufficiency for homeless veterans. Residual HVRP funds can be awarded as grants to organizations sponsoring Stand Down events for homeless veterans.

The critical services provided at a Stand Down are often the catalyst that enables homeless veterans to reenter mainstream society. Some of the services available at these events include temporary shelter, showers, haircuts, meals, clothing, hygiene kits, medical examinations, immunizations, legal advice, State identification cards, veterans benefit information, training program information, employment services, and referral to other supportive services.

Stand Down grant funds must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities or to promote self-sufficiency for homeless veterans. The funds may be used to support activities such as:

- The purchase of food, bottled water, clothing, sleeping bags and hygiene care kits;
- Rental of facilities and/or tents;
- Payment for special one-time electricity costs, equipment rentals, advertising, event posters, portable toilets, janitorial/kitchen supplies, and communications/internet access;
- The hiring of security personnel;
- Transportation of homeless veterans to and from Stand Down events; and
- Other items and services as appropriate.

Stand Down grant funds may not be used to purchase special monogrammed tee shirts, pen sets, specialty hats (unless for cold weather use), military and veteran type patches, and memento gifts for staff members/visitors/volunteers.

II. Award Information

The maximum amount that can be awarded to support a local Stand Down event is \$8,000 per year, per event. If the