

## I. Background

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is seeking clearance for the collection of data on employment related to the production of green goods and services. The new Green Goods and Services (GGS) survey will collect data on employment, fiscal year, and the share of revenue or employment associated with production of green goods or services at the establishment. Additionally, BLS will expand the existing Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey to collect data on occupational employment and wages in establishments included in the GGS survey. The expansion of the existing OES survey will be handled through a separate nonsubstantive change request.

As the chief source of government data on employment, BLS will produce data on green goods and services businesses' employment as tasked by the 2010 Congressional Appropriation. This initiative will produce regular tabulations of aggregate employment for businesses whose primary activities fall into green goods and services as defined by BLS. This series will be key to analyzing workforce trends in this area. In addition, data will be published on occupational employment and wages related to these establishments through the OES expansion.

## II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Green Goods and Services Survey.

From the GGS survey, BLS intends to publish a quarterly count of employment associated with the output of green goods and services at U.S. business establishments to meet the requirement outlined in the 2010 Congressional Appropriation. BLS plans to publish detailed industry data for the U.S. and limited data for States.

This survey will use the business register, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), maintained by BLS as its sampling frame. The register contains employment information on establishments in the U.S. subject to unemployment insurance taxes. This register covers 98 percent of U.S. jobs, available at the county, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), State, and national levels by industry. The sampling frame for the GGS survey will be restricted to those establishments classified in NAICS codes that are determined to be in scope in the BLS definition of green goods and services.

BLS undertook extensive research to develop data collection forms and

methodology and to understand the collection environment related to green goods and services. This research was outlined in a prior **Federal Register** Notice (75 FR 3926). The research was completed in September 2010; the forms put forth for clearance in this package were field-tested and incorporate the research and lessons learned from field testing of earlier versions of the survey form. The survey will collect data on employment, fiscal year, and revenue or employment share related to green goods and services at each establishment surveyed. The share of revenue will be used to estimate employment when employment share is not reported. BLS determined from prior research and from the recent forms development research that businesses have difficulty providing employment associated with the production of green goods and services while revenue is readily available and less burdensome for the respondent to report.

## III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.
- 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.

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Green Goods and Services Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1220-NEW.

*Affected Public:* Private sector businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions, farms; Federal Government; State and local governments.

*Total Respondents:* 120,000.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Total Responses:* 120,000.

*Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 30,000.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 482,400.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* 482,400.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of November 2010.

**Kimberley Hill,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### Proposed Revision of Information Collection: Comment Request National Medical Support Notice—Part B

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (the Department), 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 continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that the data the Department collects can be provided in the desired format, that the reporting burden on the public (time and financial resources) is minimized, that the public understands the Department's collection instruments, and that the Department can accurately assess the impact of its collection requirements on respondents.

Currently, the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is soliciting comments concerning a revision to the information collections contained in the National Medical Support Notice—Part B. A copy of EBSA's information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted to the office shown in the **ADDRESSES** section on or before January 10, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments regarding the ICR and burden estimates to G. Christopher Cosby, Office of Policy

and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Comments may be submitted in writing to the above address, via facsimile to (202) 219-4745, or electronically to the following Internet e-mail address: [ebbsa.opr@dol.gov](mailto:ebbsa.opr@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 609(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), requires each group health plan, as defined in ERISA section 607(1), to provide benefits in accordance with the applicable requirements of any "qualified medical child support order" (QMCSO). A QMCSO is, generally, an order issued by a state court or other competent state authority that requires a group health plan to provide group health coverage to a child or children of an employee eligible for coverage under the plan. In accordance with Congressional directives contained in the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (CSPIA), EBSA and the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) cooperated in the development of regulations to create a National Medical Support Notice (NMSN or Notice). The Notice simplifies the issuance and processing of qualified medical child support orders issued by state child support enforcement agencies, provides for standardized communication between state agencies, employers, and plan administrators, and creates a uniform and streamlined process for enforcement of medical child support obligations ordered by state child support enforcement agencies. The NMSN comprises two parts: Part A was promulgated by HHS and pertains to state child support enforcement agencies and employers; Part B was promulgated by the Department and pertains to plan administrators pursuant to ERISA. This solicitation of public comment relates only to Part B of the NMSN, which was promulgated by the Department. In connection with promulgation of Part B of the NMSN, the Department submitted an ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, and OMB approved the information collections contained in Part B under OMB control number 1210-0113. OMB's approval of this ICR is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2012.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department is currently soliciting comments on the information collections contained in the National Medical Support Notice—Part B. The Department 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., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

##### III. Current Actions

This notice requests comments on a revision to the ICR included in Part B of the NMSN. The Department is planning to make conforming changes to Part B of the NMSN reflecting changes HHS plans to make to Part A of the notice that were the subject of a 60-day public comment notice published by HHS in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2010 (75 FR 36658). HHS has informed the Department that it received comments requesting HHS and the Department to synchronize their OMB approval dates (HHS's approval expires on March 31, 2011) and make the same revisions to data elements on Parts A and B of the NMSN. In response to these comments, the Department and HHS plan to make simultaneous submissions to OMB revising Parts A and B of the NMSN. A summary of the Department's ICR and its current burden estimates follows:

*Agency:* Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

*Title:* National Medical Support Notice—Part B.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0113.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Respondents:* 432,995.

*Responses:* 10,754,484.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 896,207.

*Estimated Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance):* \$5,807,421.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 3, 2010.

**Joseph S. Piacentini,**

*Director, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employee Benefits Security Administration

##### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Prohibited Transaction Exemptions 81-8, 96-62, 77-4, 98-54; Delinquent Filer Voluntary Compliance Program; Suspension of Benefits Regulation

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is soliciting comments on the proposed extension of the information collection requests (ICRs) contained in the documents that are described below. A copy of the ICRs may be obtained by contacting the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. ICRs also are available at [reginfo.gov \(http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain\)](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the **ADDRESSES** section on or before January 10, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** G. Christopher Cosby, Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington,