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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Fidelity Bonding Issuance

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Employment and Training Administration (ETA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions

used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick Licari by telephone at 202-693-8073, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department's Federal Bonding Program (FBP) provides fidelity bonds that protect employers hiring at-risk job applicants from theft, forgery, or embezzlement by the employee. Although the bonds have primarily served offenders, any at-risk job applicant is eligible for bonding services, including: recovering substance abusers (alcohol or drugs), welfare recipients and other persons having poor financial credit, economically disadvantaged youth and adults who lack a work history, individuals dishonorably discharged from the military, and others. Over the years, the FBP has remained a relatively small program, currently serving about 900 offenders a year. The Department is now expanding the use of fidelity bonds in placing offenders by providing funds to states to purchase such bonds. The Department seeks approval under the PRA for the reporting and record keeping requirements of this new demonstration project. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the *Federal Register* on September 5, 2019 (84 FR 46762).

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 the OMB approves it 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 that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Fidelity Bonding Issuance.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0NEW

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Private Sector, business or other-profits State, Local and Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 24,000

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 6,000.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 1,800 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$ 0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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