

meet the Department's definition for a qualified independent appraiser as provided in the Department's regulation codified at 29 CFR 2570.31(i) (as amended). Furthermore, the Independent Appraiser retained by the Independent Fiduciary may not enter into any agreement, arrangement or understanding with the Plan, or with the Independent Fiduciary on behalf of the Plan, that includes any provision that: (1) provides for the direct or indirect indemnification or reimbursement of Independent Appraiser by the Plan or another party for any failure to adhere to its contractual obligations or to state or Federal laws applicable to the Independent Appraiser's work; or (2) waives any rights, claims or remedies of the Plan or its participants and beneficiaries under ERISA, the Code, or other Federal and state laws against the Independent Appraiser with respect to the transaction(s) that are the subject of the exemption;

(m) Termination of the Independent Fiduciary. The Employer Trustees must provide the Department with notice of the termination of the Independent Fiduciary's services contract for any reason within 15 business days after the Employer Trustees have knowledge of such termination. The Employer Trustees must notify the Department before retaining the services of a new Independent Fiduciary and entering into any Loan approved by such new Independent Fiduciary, and must provide a written report to the Department describing the methodology used by the Employer Trustees to select such Independent Fiduciary containing the information required by the Department's exemption procedure regulation at 29 CFR 2570.34(d) (as amended), including a certification that neither the proposed new Independent Fiduciary nor any entity related to such new Independent Fiduciary has a prior or current relationship with the Plan or Local 627. The Independent Fiduciary will be deemed approved by the Department within 10 business days unless the Department objects by electronic mail within such time period. The Department may approve or object to the proposed new Independent Fiduciary in its sole discretion based on factors established in the Department's regulation codified at 29 CFR 2570.31(j) (as amended);

(n) The Loan Program is governed by a written set of procedures (Loan Procedures) requiring that:

(1) The terms of each Loan comply with the provisions of this exemption, if granted;

(2) Each Loan and each repayment of a Loan comply with the terms of the Loan Program and the Loan Procedures;

(3) The Loan Procedures may be amended by the Employer Trustees if the amendment is consistent with this exemption and approved by the Independent Fiduciary, and the Independent Fiduciary may also propose to amend the Loan Procedures consistent with the terms of this exemption, in consultation with the Employer Trustees, to facilitate compliance with its obligations under the exemption; and

(4) The Loan Program may be terminated by a majority vote of the Plan's Trustees after paying off all outstanding Loans between the Plan and Local 627, unless the Plan is prudently required to terminate the Loan Program immediately, which termination may be by majority vote of the Employer Trustees only. Unless the Employer Trustees immediately terminate the Loan Program, the Plan will provide Local 627 with 90 days' advance written notice of the Plan's intent to cease the Loan Program and Local 627 must provide the Plan with 180 days' advance written notice of its intent to stop issuing Loans under the Loan Program;

(o) All the material facts and representations set forth in the Summary of Facts and Representations are true and accurate at all times; and

(p) The Plan will maintain, for six (6) years beginning immediately following any conduct that is taken in relation to any transaction that is detailed above in Section I, all records necessary to demonstrate that the conditions of this exemption have been met and make such records available to the Department within 30 calendar days of the Department's request.

**Exemption date:** If granted, the exemption will be in effect as of the date the grant notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, DC.

**Christopher Motta,**

*Acting Director, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Revision of H-2A Temporary Agricultural Labor Certification Program

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On July 2, 2025, the Department of Labor's (Department or DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and Wage and Hour Division issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM or proposed rule), "Recission of Final Rule: Improving Protections for Workers in Temporary Agricultural Employment in the United States," proposing to rescind provisions contained within the final rule published by the Department on April 29, 2024. The Department is notifying the public about its proposed revisions to the information collection request (ICR) covered under *H-2A Temporary Agricultural Labor Certification Program* (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1205-0466) based on the changes proposed through the NPRM. The Department is seeking comments regarding its proposal to replace the existing information collection tools (e.g., forms and instructions) covered under OMB Control Number 1205-0466 with those that were required to implement the final rule "Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Nonimmigrants in the United States" published on October 12, 2022 ("2022 Final Rule"), and which were covered under the same OMB Control Number, 1205-0466, while maintaining some changes put in place by the final rule published on April 29, 2024. This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all written comments received by November 10, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained for free by contacting Brian Pasternak, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, by telephone at 202-693-8200 (this is not a toll-free number), TTY 1-877-889-

5627 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at [ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov](mailto:ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov).

**Instructions:** Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by email at [ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov](mailto:ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov). To ensure proper consideration, include the OMB Control Number 1205–0466.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brian Pasternak, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, by telephone at 202–693–8200 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov](mailto:ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOL, as part of continuing efforts 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 submitting them to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final approval. 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.

The information collection is required by secs. 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 214(c), and 218 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 1184(c), and 1188), as well as 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5) and 20 CFR part 655, subpart B, and 20 CFR part 653, subpart F, and 29 CFR part 501. The H–2A visa program enables employers to bring nonimmigrant foreign workers to the United States to perform agricultural work of a seasonal or temporary nature as defined in 8 U.S.C.

1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a). Before an employer can file a petition with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to import temporary workers as H–2A nonimmigrants, the INA and DHS regulations require an employer to first obtain a determination from DOL certifying whether a qualified U.S. worker is available to fill the job opportunity described in the employer's petition for a temporary agricultural worker and whether a foreign worker's employment in the job opportunity will adversely affect the wages or working conditions of similarly employed workers in the U.S. 8 U.S.C. 1188, INA sec. 218; 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5)(i), (ii), and (iv)(B). DOL's regulations establish the processes by which an employer must obtain a temporary labor certification from DOL and the rights and obligations of workers and employers. 20 CFR part 655, subpart B; 29 CFR part 501.

This ICR, OMB Control Number 1205–0466, includes the collection of information related to the temporary labor certification process connected to the H–2A program and covers Forms ETA–9142A, Application for H–2A Temporary Employment Certification; ETA–9142A, Appendix A, Assurances and Obligations; ETA–9142A, Final Determination: H–2A Temporary Labor Certification Approval; ETA–790, Agricultural Clearance Order; ETA–790A, H–2A Agricultural Clearance Order; ETA–790/790A, Addendum A, Additional Crops or Agricultural Activities; ETA–790/790A, Addendum B, Additional Worksite and/or Housing Information; and related form instructions. ETA is seeking a revision of OMB Control Number 1205–0466 to replace the information collection covered by it, with the forms, instructions and information collection tools that were covered by this OMB Control Number and implemented on June 13, 2023, as a result of the publication of the 2022 Final Rule.<sup>1</sup> The only information collection tool that was part of that approved ICR package that will require revision is Form ETA–790A, H–2A Agricultural Clearance Order. Since the NPRM proposes to retain some regulatory provisions, the Department seeks to retain some of the assurances in Form ETA–790A, H–2A Agricultural Clearance Order approved by OMB on July 11, 2024. The Department wants to ensure that these assurances remain in place. The Department welcomes comment on any text, assurances, or disclosures that should be retained in this ICR.

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 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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate

consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205–0466.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

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–ETA.

*Type of Review:* Revision to a currently approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* H–2A Temporary Agricultural Labor Certification Program.

*Forms:* ETA–9142A, H–2A Application for Temporary Employment Certification; ETA–9142A—Appendix A; ETA–9142A—Final Determination: H–2A Temporary Labor Certification Approval; ETA–790, Agricultural Clearance Order; ETA–790A, H–2A Agricultural Clearance Order; ETA–790/790A—Addendum A; ETA–790/790A—Addendum B.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205–0466.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; Private Sector (businesses or other for-profits); Not-for-profit Institutions; Government, State, Local and Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11,905.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 141,472.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* Varies.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 63,906.94 hours.

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

<sup>1</sup> See *Temporary Agricultural Employment of H–2A Nonimmigrants in the United States*, 87 FR 61660 (Oct. 12, 2022).

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

Susan Frazier,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Evidence Building Portfolio Project

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Chief Evaluation Office (CEO)-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 the agency receives on or before October 10, 2025.

**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](http://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) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) 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:** Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202–693–0213, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOL funds the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Evidence Building Portfolio Project programs in 49 states, the District of

Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. States and territories use these funds to address the reemployment services needs of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants and to prevent and detect UI improper payments. DOL’s Chief Evaluation Office contracted with Abt Global and its partners, the W.E. Upjohn Institute, the Behavioural Insights Team (BIT), American Institutes for Research (AIR), and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies—to develop strategies to support the evidence requirements for the RESEA program as enacted in 2018 amendments to the Social Security Act that permanently authorized RESEA. This Evidence Building Portfolio Project will help DOL establish rigorous and informative evidence standards and support states in conducting evaluations to expand the evidence base on effective RESEA interventions. The evidence standards and new evidence will each help states develop and implement RESEA programs that more quickly and cost-effectively return more claimants from UI back to work. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 8, 2024 (89 FR 64961).

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–CEO.

*Title of Collection:* Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Evidence Building Portfolio Project.

*OMB Control Number:* 1290–0NEW.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 439.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 439.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 375 hours.

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

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

Nicole Bouchet,

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs

[OMB Control No. 1240–0006]

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Claim for Reimbursement of Benefit Payments and Claims Expense Under the War Hazards Compensation Act

**AGENCY:** Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, Division of Federal Employees’ Compensation, (OWCP/DFEC) Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance request for comment to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This request 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, Division of Federal Employees’ Compensation, (OWCP/DFEC) is soliciting comments on the information collection for the Claim for Reimbursement of Benefit Payments and Claims Expense under the War Hazards Compensation Act, CA–278.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before November 10, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for WCPO–2025–0039. Comments submitted electronically, including