SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) section 701(f)(3)[B][i][II], Public Health Service Act section 2701(f)(3)[B][i][I], and Internal Revenue Code section 9801(f)(3)[B][i][II] require an employer maintaining a group health plan in a State that provides medical assistance under a State Medicaid plan under Social Security Act (SSA) title XIX or child health assistance under a State child health plan under SSA title XXI in the form of premium assistance for the purchase of coverage under a group health plan to make certain disclosures. Specifically, the employer is required to notify each employee of potential opportunities currently available in the State in which the employee resides for premium assistance under Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for health coverage of the employee or the employee’s dependents. ERISA section 701(f)(3)[B][i][II] requires the DOL to provide employers with model language for the CHIP notice. The model includes information on how an employee may contact the State in which the employee resides for additional information regarding potential opportunities for premium assistance, including how to apply for such assistance.

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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.8(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1210–0137. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2013. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. It should also be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on May 22, 2013 (78 FR 30333).

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 1210–0137. 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–EBSA.
Title of Collection: Employer Children’s Health Insurance Program Notice.
OMB Control Number: 1210–0137.
Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.
Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,037,000.
Total Estimated Number of Responses: 176,570,000.
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 912,000.
Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $21,895,000.
Dated: September 24, 2013.
Michel Smyth,
Departmental Clearance Officer.
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Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the Information Collection Request (ICR) (OSHA Docket No. 2010–0007). OSHA will place all submissions, including any personal information provided, in the public docket without revision, and these submissions will be available online at http://www.regulations.gov.

Docket: To read or download submissions or other material in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for assistance in locating docket submissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Theada Kenney (kenney.theda@ dol.gov) or Tod Owen (owen.todd@ dol.gov), Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3609, Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 93–579, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA’s estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) authorizes information collection from employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires OSHA to obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

A number of standards issued by OSHA contain requirements that specify employers use only equipment, products, or material tested or approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL). These requirements ensure that employers use safe and efficacious equipment, products, or materials in complying with the standards. Accordingly, OSHA promulgated the regulation 29 CFR 1910.7, “Definition and requirements for a nationally recognized testing laboratory” (the Regulation). The Regulation specifies procedures that organizations must follow to apply for, and to maintain, OSHA’s recognition to test and certify equipment, products, or material for this purpose.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

1. Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency’s functions including whether is useful;
2. The accuracy of OSHA’s estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
4. Ways to minimize the burden on organizations who must comply: for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to revise and extend the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval of the collection of information requirements specified by the Regulation on the Definition and Requirements of a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. In addition to extending its current approval by OMB, the Agency proposes to include optional standardized forms to facilitate and simplify the information collection process as part of its information collection process. The optional forms correspond to the application, expansion, and renewal processes defined in the NRTL Program. Where practicable, the forms will provide for automations such as drop down lists to increase ease of use and reduce the information collection burden. The Agency expects the use of the optional standardized forms to marginally reduce the burden hours associated with these information collection requirements. The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend and revise the approval of these information collection requirements.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Definition and Requirements of a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (29 CFR 1910.7).

OMB Control Number: 1218–0147.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 68.

Frequency of Recordkeeping: On occasion.

Total Responses: 68.

Average Time per Response: 160 hours for an organization to prepare initial recognition applications to 16 hours for an annual site visit.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,458.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintain): $0.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) Electronically in the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. For further information on submitting comments by facsimile or in hard copy, please see the section of this notice entitled ADDRESSES above. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2010–0007). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled ADDRESSES). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350, (TTY (877) 889–5527). Comments and submissions are posted without change at http://
SUMMARY: This notice announces the grant of a permanent variance to Avalotis Corp., Bowen Engineering Corporation, Commonwealth Dynamics, Inc., Gibraltar Chimney International, LLC, Hamon Custodis, Inc., Hoffmann, Inc., International Chimney Corporation, Karrena International Chimney, Kiewit Power Constructors Co., Matrix SME, Inc., NAES Power Contractors, Pullman Power, LLC, R and P Industrial Chimney Co., Inc., T. E. Ibberson Company, TIC—The Industrial Company (“the employers”). From 1973 to the present, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA or the Agency) granted permanent variances to a number of chimney-construction companies from the provisions of the OSHA standards that regulate boatswain’s chairs and hoist towers, specifically paragraph (o)(3) of 29 CFR 1926.452 and paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(4), (c)(8), (c)(13), (c)(14)(i), and (c)(16) of 29 CFR 1926.552. These variances use temporary personnel hoist systems to transport workers to and from worksites in a personnel cage while constructing chimneys of various configurations using jump-form construction techniques and procedures. The Agency received applications from 15 employers for a variance addressing chimney and chimney-related construction that, like the previous variances, propose to use temporary personnel hoist systems to transport workers to and from worksites in a personnel cage. These variance applications, however, included conditions that address construction of chimneys and chimney-related structures using temporary hoist systems and procedures in association with two different methods of construction (i.e., jump-form and slip-form construction), regardless of the structures’ configurations (i.e., tapered or straight-barreled of any diameter). OSHA consolidated these variance applications into a single application and published the application and request for comments in the Federal Register on March 21, 2013 (78 FR 17432).

After considering the record as a whole, OSHA finds that these alternative conditions protect workers at least as well as the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1926.452(o)(3) and 29 CFR 1926.552(c)(1) through (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(13), (c)(14)(i), and (c)(16). This permanent variance applies in Federal OSHA enforcement jurisdictions and in those states and territories with OSHA-approved State-Plans covering private-sector employers that have identical standards and agree to the terms of the variance.

DATES: The permanent variance is effective on October 2, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: General information and press inquiries. For general information and press inquiries about this notice, contact Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3647, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–1999.

Technical information. For technical information about this notice, contact Stefan Weisz, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2110; fax: (202) 693–1644.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Fifteen companies (or applicants) submitted applications for a permanent variance under Section 6(d) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655) and 29 CFR 1905.11 (“Variances and other relief under section 6(d)”)(see Document ID Nos. OSHA–2012–0015–0002 to –0019”). The applicants construct, renovate, repair, maintain, inspect, and demolish tall chimneys and similar structures made of concrete, brick, and steel. This work, which occurs throughout the United States, requires the applicants to transport employees and construction tools and materials to and from elevated worksites located inside and outside these structures. The following list provides specific information about each applicant, including the company name and location:

Avalotis Corp; 400 Jones Street, Verona, PA 15147
Bowen Engineering Corporation (merged with Mid-Atlantic Boiler & Chimney, Inc., formerly Alberici Mid-Atlantic, LLC), 8802 N. Meridian St.Indianapolis, IN 46260
Commonwealth Dynamics, Inc., 95 Court Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801, Gibraltar Chimney International, LLC, 92 Cooper Ave. Tonawanda, NY 14150

1 In Docket No. OSHA–2012–0015 for this variance application.