DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Veterans Medallion Program

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS)-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 April 26, 2024.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wilson Vadukumcherry by telephone at 202–693–0110, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collections under OMB Control No. 1293–0015 requires the Department to solicit voluntary applications from employers for an award called the HIRE Vets Medallion Award. These awards are intended to recognize employer efforts to recruit, employ, and retain the Nation’s veterans. All employers who employ at least one employee are eligible to apply for the Award. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on January 19, 2024 (89 FR 3697).

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.

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–VETS.

Title of Collection: Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Veterans Medallion Program.

OMB Control Number: 1293–0015.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 4,500.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 6,730 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $169,500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wilson Vadukumcherry, Senior Paperwork Reduction Act Analyst. [FR Doc. 2024–06531 Filed 3–26–24; 8:45 am]

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[DOCKET No. OSHA–2018–0005]

Whistleblower Stakeholder Meeting

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is announcing a public meeting to solicit comments and suggestions from stakeholders on its outreach and training efforts in support of the whistleblower laws it enforces.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on May 15, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET via Zoom. Persons interested in attending the meeting must register by May 8, 2024. In addition, comments relating to the “Scope of Meeting” section of this document must be submitted by May 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Electronically: You may submit materials, including attachments, electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking portal. Follow the on-line instructions for submissions. All comments should be identified with Docket No. OSHA–2018–0005.

Registration to Attend and/or to Participate in the Meeting: If you wish to attend the public meeting, make an oral presentation at the meeting, or participate in the meeting, you must register using this link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whistleblower-stakeholder-meeting-tickets-714615372717 or this link for registration in Spanish https://www.eventbrite.com/e/entradas-reunion-para-partes-interesadas-sobre-los-denunciantes-que-son-trabajadores-714854086817 by close of business on May 8, 2024. Each participant will be allowed to speak for up to 5 minutes. There is no fee to register for the public meeting. After reviewing the requests to present, OSHA will contact each participant prior to the meeting to inform them of the speaking order. We will provide Spanish-language translation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For press inquiries: Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

For general information: Ms. Meghan Smith, Program Analyst, OSHA Directorate of Whistleblower Protection.
Programs, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693–2199; email: osha.dwpp@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Scope of Meeting

OSHA is interested in obtaining information from the public on key issues facing the agency’s whistleblower program. This meeting is part of an ongoing series of meetings requesting public input on this program. The agency is seeking suggestions on how it can improve its outreach and training efforts in the Whistleblower Protection Program. Please note that the agency does not have the authority to change the statutory language and requirements of the laws it enforces. In particular, the agency invites input on the following:

1. How can OSHA deliver better whistleblower customer service?
2. What kind of assistance can OSHA provide to help explain the agency’s whistleblower laws to employees and employers?

B. Request for Comments

Regardless of attendance at the public meeting, interested persons may submit written or electronic comments (see ADDRESSES above). Electronic comments include recorded oral comments. Comments may be submitted in any language. To permit time for interested persons to submit data, information, or views on the issues in the “Scope of Meeting” section of this notice, please submit comments by May 29, 2024, and include Docket No. OSHA–2018–0005. If you have questions regarding how to submit comments, please contact osha.dwpp@dol.gov or 202–693–2199.

C. Access to the Public Record

Electronic copies of this Federal Register notice are available at: http://www.regulations.gov. This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, is also available on the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs’ web page at: http://www.whistleblowers.gov.

Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by Section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 660(c)); Secretary’s Order 08–2020 (May 15, 2020).

Signed at Washington, DC.

James S. Frederick,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2013–0016]

Nemko North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for Nemko North America, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory.

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on March 27, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources: Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, phone: (202) 693–1999 or email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, phone: (202) 693–1911 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of Nemko North America, Inc. (NNA) as a NRTL. NNA’s expansion covers the addition of one test standard to the NRTL scope of recognition. OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition. Each NRTL’s scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL’s scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes an application by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A, 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the Federal Register in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides the preliminary finding. In the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL, including NNA, which details the NRTL’s scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html.

NNA submitted an application on September 20, 2023 (OSHA–2013–0016–0022), to expand the recognition to include one additional test standard. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application. OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing NNA’s expansion application in the Federal Register on February 7, 2024 (89 FR 8451). The agency requested comments by February 22, 2024, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this final grant of expansion to NNA’s NRTL scope of recognition.

Docket No. OSHA–2013–0016 contains all materials in the record concerning NNA’s recognition. To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to NNA’s expansion application, go to http://www.regulations.gov. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 for assistance in locating docket submissions.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined NNA’s expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that NNA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitations and conditions listed in this notice. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant NNA’s expanded scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion