DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Cotton Dust Standard

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “Cotton Dust Standard,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 29, 2012.

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 from the RegInfo.gov Web site, http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202–395–6929/ Fax: 202–395–6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the cotton dust standard and its information collection requirements is to provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to cotton dust. Employers must monitor employee exposure, reduce employee exposure to within permissible exposure limits, provide employees with medical examinations and training, and establish and maintain employee exposure monitoring and medical records.

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 if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1218–0061. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on October 5, 2011 (76 FR 61752).

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 reference OMB Control Number 1218–0061. 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: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title of Collection: Cotton Dust Standard.

OMB Control Number: 1218–0061.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or Other For-Profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 281.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 53,622.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 20,558.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $2,449,194.


Michel Smyth,

Department Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–81,047]

Era Systems, LLC, Formerly Era Systems Corporation, a Subsidiary of Systems Research and Applications Corporation, Syracuse, NY; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated February 2, 2012, a worker requested administrative reconsideration of the negative determination regarding workers’ eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) applicable to workers and former workers of Era Systems, LLC, formerly Era Systems Corporation, a subsidiary of Systems Research and Applications Corporation, Syracuse, New York (hereafter referred to as “Era Systems, LLC” or “the subject firm”). The determination was issued on January 13, 2012 and the Department’s Notice of determination will soon be published in the Federal Register.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the findings that imports of services like or directly competitive with the services supplied by the firm have not increased; there has not been a shift to a foreign country of services like or directly competitive with the research and development services supplied by the firm; and there has not been an acquisition from a foreign country of services like or directly competitive with the research and development services supplied by the firm. The investigation also revealed that Era Systems, LLC is not a Supplier or Downstream Producer to a firm that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a).

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner supplied new information regarding a possible shift to/acquisition
from a foreign country by the subject firm in the supply of services.

The Department of Labor has carefully reviewed the request for reconsideration and the existing record, and has determined that the Department will conduct further investigation to determine if the workers meet the eligibility requirements to apply for TAA.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the U.S. Department of Labor’s prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of February, 2012.

Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

TA–W–74,892

Stanley Black and Decker, CDIY Division, Warranty Evaluation Center (WEC), Including On-Site Leased Workers From Manpower, McAllen, TX; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (“Act”), 19 U.S.C. 2273, the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on January 18, 2011, applicable to workers of Stanley Black and Decker, CDIY Division, including on-site leased workers from Manpower, McAllen, Texas. The notice was published in the Federal Register on February 2, 2011 (76 FR 5836).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers in the CDIY Division are engaged in activities related to the receiving and inspecting reconditioning products sent from customers to the Warranty Evaluation Center.

New findings show that the correct name of the subject firm in its entirety should read Stanley Black and Decker, CDIY Division, Warranty Evaluation Center. Accordingly, the Department is amending this certification to include the Warranty Evaluation Center (WEC), CDIY Division of Stanley Black and Decker, McAllen, Texas.

The intent of the Department’s certification is to include all workers of the subject firm who were adversely affected by a shift in services to China, Taiwan and Poland.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–74,892 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Stanley Black and Decker, CDIT Division, Warranty Evaluation Center (WEC), including on-site leased workers from Manpower, McAllen, Texas, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 8, 2009, through January 18, 2013, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 13th day of February, 2012.

Elliott S. Kushner,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

TA–W–80,264

Keithley Instruments Including On-Site Leased Workers from StaffMatrix and Adecco, Solon, OH; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273), and Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on July 8, 2011, applicable to workers of Keithley Instruments, Solon, Ohio. The workers are engaged in activities related to the production of electronic test and measurement equipment. The notice was published in the Federal Register on July 29, 2011 (76 FR 45623).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information shows that workers leased from Adecco were employed on-site at the Solon, Ohio location of Keithley Instruments.

The Department has determined that these workers were sufficiently under the control of Keithley Instruments to be considered leased workers.

The intent of the Department’s certification is to include all workers of the subject firm adversely affected by an actual/likely increase in imports of electronic test and measurement equipment following a shift to another country.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include workers leased from Adecco working on-site at the Solon, Ohio location of the subject firm.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–80,264 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Keithley Instruments, including on-site leased workers from StaffMatrix and Adecco, Solon, Ohio, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after June 30, 2010, through July 8, 2013, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 14th day of February 2012.

Michael W. Jaffe,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.