ACTION: Notice.

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This program 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this notice or by accessing: http://www.doleta.gov/OMBCN/OMBControlNumber.cfm.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before March 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Robert Johnston, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S–4531, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693–3005 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: johnston.robert@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration regulations, 20 CFR 601. Administrative Procedures, contains collection of information requirements at Sections 601.2 and 601.3. Section 601.2 requires states to submit copies of their unemployment compensation laws for approval by the Secretary of Labor so that the Secretary may determine the status of state laws and plans of operation. Section 601.3 requires states to “submit all relevant state materials such as statutes, executive and administrative orders, legal opinions, rules, regulations, interpretations, court decisions, etc.” These materials are used by the Secretary to determine whether the state law contains provisions required by Section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Grants of funds are made to states for the administration of their employment security laws if their unemployment compensation laws and their plans of operation for public employment offices meet required conditions of Federal laws. The information transmitted by Form MA 8–7 is used by the Secretary to make findings (as specified in the above cited Federal laws) required for certification to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to states or for certification of the state law for purposes of additional tax credit. If this information is not available, the Secretary cannot make such certifications. To facilitate transmittal of required material, the Department prescribes the use of Form MA 8–7, Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials. This simple check off form is used by the states to identify material being transmitted to the National Office and allows the material to be routed to appropriate staff for prompt action.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the MA 8–7, Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials. The Department of Labor 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The continued collection of the information described above is necessary to enable the Employment and Training Administration to complete the required certifications.

Type of Review: Extension without change

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials

OMB Number: 1205–0222.

Affect Public: State and Local Governments.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: As needed.

Total Responses: 636.

Average Time per Response: 1 Minute.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 10 Hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): $0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): $0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.


Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Submission for OMB Emergency Review: Comment Request


The Department of Labor has submitted the following (see below) information collection request (ICR), utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.13. OMB approval has been requested by March 31, 2010. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation; including among other things a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain or by contacting Darrin King on 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number)/e-mail: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor—ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202–395–7316/Fax: 202–395–6974 (these are not toll-free...
The primary purpose of this research is neither to finalize a definition of the green goods and services sector nor to ensure high quality data are collected. Rather, the focus is on learning what the collection environment and what information establishments have available that would help BLS collect employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. This initiative will produce regular tabulations of aggregate employment and wages for businesses whose primary activities fall in the green goods and services sector as defined by BLS. These series will be key to analyzing business employment by this date, BLS must begin the forms panel testing as soon as possible. Therefore, BLS is requesting an emergency clearance to allow for the necessary research to be undertaken and completed within this timeframe. A second opportunity to comment on the proposed collection of data on green goods and services sector business employment will be afforded when the package is submitted to OMB under the standard clearance process in accordance with the PRA95 (44 U.S.C. 3506).

Darrin A. King,
Departmental Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Proposed Information Collection Request for the ETA 218, Benefit Rights and Experience Report; Comment Request on Extension Without Change

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration.

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