

provide that the one-year pilot project and the delegations of authority and responsibility established by Secretary's Order 6-94 are hereby extended until further Order of the Secretary.

2. *Directives Affected.* Section 2 of Secretary's Order 6-94 is hereby superseded to the extent that it provides that the authority and responsibilities established by the Order expire at the end of the calendar year 1995. Under the terms of this Order, the pilot project and the delegations of authority and responsibility established by Secretary's Order 6-94 are hereby extended until further Order of the Secretary.

3. *Effective date.* This Order is effective immediately.

Robert B. Reich,
Secretary of Labor.

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Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Job Search Assistance Demonstration Followup Survey; Notice

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). 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. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of the Job Search Assistance Demonstration Followup Survey. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 5, 1996. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

* 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, 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.

ADDRESSES: Wayne S. Gordon, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-5922 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Public Law 102-164, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1991, authorized USDOL to carry out a demonstration program to determine the feasibility and effectiveness of implementing job search programs for Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants. The legislation specified that eligible claimants were to be offered intensive job search services including basic employment services such as orientation, testing, a job-search workshop, and an individual assessment-counseling interview, and additional services such as ongoing contact with program staff, followup assistance, resource centers, and job search materials and equipment. The demonstration is currently being conducted in the District of Columbia and Florida.

The legislation authorizing the demonstration requires USDOL to submit a final evaluation report that examines the impacts of job search services on UI benefit receipt and on UI claimants' labor market outcomes—the duration of unemployment, earnings and hours worked. The legislation also specified that the evaluation was to estimate the net social benefits and costs of the program. The survey of claimants, which is the subject of this Federal Register notice, is intended to support this legislated evaluation.

II. Current Actions

The proposed survey will collect information from a sample of UI claimants who were offered demonstration services and, for comparison purposes, from a sample of

claimants who were not offered services. It will collect information on the background characteristics of sample members, including the characteristics of their pre-UI occupation, information on their employment and earnings and job characteristics following receipt of UI, and information on job search services including their satisfaction with the services.

The sample for the survey will be collected from the District of Columbia and Florida state data systems as will administrative records data on UI receipt, job search service receipt, and earnings. Information on job characteristics, the timing of employment and earnings, and claimants satisfaction with the services they receive are unavailable from administrative records, however, and must be collected through a survey of claimants.

The survey will be conducted through a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system with automatic call scheduling. This system is designed to minimize the burden on respondents by minimizing time on the telephone and by providing a mechanism for respondents to schedule calls. Participation is voluntary and confidential.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Job Search Assistance Demonstration Followup Survey.

Agency Number: 1205.

Affected Public: Unemployment Insurance claimants.

Total Respondents: 4,500.

Frequency: One time.

Total Responses: 4,500.

Average Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,250 hours.

Estimated Cost to the Federal Government: \$240,340.

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.

Dated: January 30, 1996.

Mary Ann Wyrsh,
Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.
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