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Signed at Washington, DC this 13th Day of December 1996.

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Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 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 assessed properly. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comment concerning the proposed reinstatement of the "Work Schedules Supplement to the Current Population Survey."

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 18, 1997.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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, 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.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on (202) 606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background

The Current Population Survey (CPS) has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployment for over 50 years. Over the past several decades, the economy of the United States has been undergoing a fundamental restructuring. Advances in computer and communications technology increasingly have enabled some workers to perform part or all of their work at home. The growth of this phenomenon represents an important development in this country's labor markets. This supplement will provide a comprehensive and objective set of data about telecommuting, work at home, and work in home-based businesses, as well as valuable new information on work schedules. The work schedules supplement will provide information on the work schedules of employed persons, that is, the beginning and ending times of work, type of shift worked, and calendar days worked. It also will provide information about employed persons who work at home.

II. Current Actions

Work schedule supplements have been conducted since the 1970s. Questions on home-based work were included in May 1985 and again in May 1991. Due to changes in the questionnaire, however, work at home data for 1991 were not comparable to data from the 1985 survey. While the 1991 supplement has provided a valuable source of data on work schedules and work at home, it furnishes no information on trends in work at home. A key purpose of the May 1997 collection is to provide a point of comparison. This will enable the BLS and other researchers to examine the

changes in work schedules and work at home that are taking place over time.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: May 1997 Work Schedules

Supplement to CPS.

OMB Number: 1220-0119.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Total Respondents: 48,000 households.

Frequency: Monthly.

Total Responses: 48,000 households.

Average Time Per Response: 4.5 Minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,600 Hours.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 16th day of December, 1996.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

Title of Collection: Public Understanding of and Attitudes Toward Science and Technology.

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3508(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the NSF Reports Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility, (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be