

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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 pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies 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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 97 (NLSY97)." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before April 27, 1998. 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, D.C. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Part of the mission of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to promote the development of the U.S. labor force and the efficiency of the U.S. labor market. BLS contributes to this mission by gathering information about the labor force and labor market and disseminating it to policy makers and the public so that participants in those markets can make more informed and, thus, more efficient choices.

The collection of the NLSY97 data will aid in the understanding of labor market outcomes faced by individuals in the early stages of career and family development and represents an important means of fulfilling BLS responsibilities.

II. Current Actions

This proposed collection covers the next three waves of the NLSY97 cohort. This will cover waves two through four of a longitudinal study of youths who were 12 through 16 years old on December 31, 1996. DOL will interview these youths on a yearly basis to study how young people make the transition from full-time schooling to the establishment of their families and

careers. The longitudinal focus of this survey requires the collection of information about the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, fertility, income and program participation. Recognizing the crucial role of schools in training the next generation of workers, we plan to collect data on which schools these youths attend to measure the characteristics of those schools and relate them to the cognitive development of the respondents. In addition we will use existing data resources about these schools and measure the youth's academic aptitudes both directly and by collecting scores on other standardized tests the youth may have taken.

A major purpose of the data collection is to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the process for guiding the nation's youth from school to work. The transition from school to work, and the process of establishing a more permanent career, takes several years and proceeds at a different pace for different people. Accordingly, these data will help us understand how different youths negotiate the transition and which youths experience less favorable outcomes for the work transition. This study will help us identify the antecedents and causes for youths experiencing difficulties making the school to work transition. By comparing these data to comparable data from previous cohorts, we will be able to identify and understand some of the dynamics of the labor market and whether and how the experiences of this cohort of young people differs from those of earlier cohorts.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 97 (NLSY97).

OMB Number: 1220-0157.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and not-for-profit institutions (secondary schools).

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Estimated total burden (hours)
Youth	9,100	Annually	9,100	1 hour	9,100
Transcript request (letter)	1,800	Annually	1,800	30 minutes	900
Validation reinterview	1,300	Annually	1,300	6 minutes	130
Totals	10,900	12,200	10,130

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, DC, this 19th day of February, 1998.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

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

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute for Literacy.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This Notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board (Board). This notice also describes the function of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATE AND TIME: March 19, 1998, at 10:30 am-5 pm and March 20, 1998, at 9:30 am-4 pm.

ADDRESSES: National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Pendleton, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone (202) 632-1524.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is established under section 384 of the Adult Education Act, as amended by Title I of Public Law 102-73, the National Literacy Act of 1991. The Board consists of ten individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board is established to advise and make recommendations to the Interagency Group, composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, which administers the National Institute for Literacy (Institute). The Interagency Group programs to achieve the goals of the Institute. Specifically, the Board performs the following functions (a) Makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the Institute; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the Institute, and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and Director of the Institute. In addition, the Institute consults with the Board on the award of fellowships. The Board meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA. On March 19, 1998, the meeting will be held at the offices of the National Center for Adult

Literacy (NCAL) at the University of Pennsylvania, 3910 Chestnut Street. The focus of that day's meeting will be on technology and literacy, examining the Institute's current work in this area and discussing what role the Institute should play in the future. On March 20, 1998, the meeting will be held at the Philadelphia Public Library, 1901 Vine Street. The main focus of this day will be the need to expand and coordinate the information and communication capabilities of the Institute in support of its mission to improve and expand national literacy services. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Andrew J. Hartman,

Director, National Institute for Literacy.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee Management; Notice of Establishment

The Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation has determined that the establishment of U.S. National Assessment Synthesis Team is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Name of Committee: U.S. National Assessment Synthesis Team.

Purpose: The U.S. National Assessment Synthesis Team is being formed under the auspices of the interagency Subcommittee on Global Change Research (SGCR), within the purview of the interagency Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources (CENR) and under the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). The Team is meant to have broad responsibilities for the design and conduct of the national effort to assess the consequences of climate variability and climate change for the United States.

Balanced Membership Plans. The Committee will be balanced with 12 men and women from government, academia, and the private sector to ensure that the final product represents

the best possible assessment of the impacts of climate change.

Responsible NSF Official: Dr. Robert Corell, Assistant Director for Geosciences and chair of the Subcommittee on Global Change Research, Room 705, National Science Foundation, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va. 22300, telephone (703) 306-1500.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting; Public Hearing on Safety of Nation's Transit Bus Systems

The National Transportation Safety Board will convene a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at the Adams Mark Hotel, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, St. Louis, Missouri. For more information, contact Jeanmarie Poole, NTSB Office of Highway Safety at (202) 314-6440 or Ted Lopatkiewicz, NTSB Office of Public Affairs at (202) 314-6100.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Request for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Bob Barlett at (202) 314-6446.

Dated: February 20, 1998.

Ray Smith,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting; Public Hearing on Safety Oversight of the Union Pacific Railroad

The National Transportation Safety Board will convene a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at the Springfield Hilton Hotel, 6550 Loisdale, Road, Springfield, Virginia. For more information, contact James P. Dunn, NTSB Office of Railroad Safety at (202) 314-6430 or Shelly Hazle, NTSB Office of Public Affairs at (202) 314-6100.