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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Acting Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted

investigations pursuant to Section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than July 2, 1998.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than July 2, 1998.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 26th day of May, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

[Petitions Instituted on 05/26/98]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of petition	Product(s)
34,568	MPM Automotive Prod. (Comp)	Tucson, AZ	05/12/98	Automotive Products.
34,569	Georgia Apparel, Inc (UNITE)	New York, NY	05/12/98	Pants, Skirts, Shorts.
34,570	Buena Vista Manufacturing (Wrks)	Buena Vista, VA	05/11/98	T-Shirt and Fleece Sweatshirts.
34,571	California Microwave (Wrks)	Stafford, TX	04/28/98	Wireless Communications.
34,572	Joe Sharp Manufacturing (Wrks)	Ranch Cucamonga, CA.	05/05/98	Cutting and Sewing of Soft Luggage.
34,573	Code Alarm (Wrks)	Georgetown, TX	05/12/98	Wire Harnesses.
34,574	Valorie's Folk Art (Wrks)	Springdale, AR	05/11/98	Sweat Shirts and T-Shirts.
34,575	Kleinert's Inc (Comp)	Largo, FL	05/14/98	Infants and Toddler Playwear.
34,576	OPS, Inc (Wrks)	Great Bend, KS	05/12/98	Oilwell Services.
34,577	Wausau-Mosinee Paper Corp (Wrks)	Rhineland, WI	05/13/98	Specialty Papers.
34,578	Quorum Lanier, Inc (Wrks)	Bloomington, MO	05/11/98	Data Base.
34,579	Zenith Electronics Corp (Wrks)	Melrose Park, IL	05/11/98	T.V. Tubes and Computer Monitors.
34,580	Siebe Appliance Controls (Comp)	New Stanton, PA	05/07/98	Cooking Appliances Controls.
34,581	Champion International (Corp)	Machias, ME	05/06/98	Lumber.
34,582	Phillips-Van Heusen (Comp)	Opelika, AL	04/28/98	Magnetic Tape for Audio, Video.
34,583	Quantegy, Inc (Comp)	Opelika, AL	04/28/98	Magnetic Tape for Audio, Video.
34,584	Quantegy, Inc (Comp)	Peachtree City, GA	04/28/98	Magnetic Tape for Audio, Video.
34,585	Robertshaw Controls Co (Comp)	Long Beach, CA	05/08/98	Gas Heating Control Valves.
34,586	Star Food Processing, Inc (Comp)	San Antonio, TX	05/06/98	Cattle and Tomatoes.
34,587	Stella Foods, Inc. (Wrks)	Green Bay, WI	05/14/98	Cheese: Mozzarella, Provolone, Romano.
34,588	Tri-Clover, Inc (IAMA)	Kenosha, WI	05/14/98	Tubular Fittings.
34,589	Beardsley and Piper (Wrks)	Chicago, IL	04/03/98	Foundary Equipment.
34,590	Eagle Precision Tech. (Comp)	Jackson, MI	04/24/98	Tube End Forming Machines.
34,591	Americold Logistics (Wrks)	Nampa, ID	05/12/98	Potatoes and Vegetables.
34,592	Paper Magic Group, Inc (Comp)	Scranton, PA	04/23/98	Collectible Figures.
34,593	Int'l Transportation (Wrks)	Bowling Green, KY	05/15/98	Underwear—T-Shirts.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Quantum Opportunity Program Demonstration Information 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 properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of information for the Quantum Opportunity Program (QOP) Demonstration Evaluation.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained

by contacting the office 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 August 21, 1998. The Department 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 data collection, 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 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.

ADDRESSES: Eileen Pederson, Office of Policy and Research, Employment and Training Administration, Room N-5637, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone 202-219-5782, extension 145 (this is not a

toll-free number). Internet address: PedersonE@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In July 1995, under authority of Title IV of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), ETA—in partnership with The Ford Foundation—launched the QOP demonstration in seven sites: Memphis, Tennessee; Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; Fort Worth, Texas; Houston, Texas; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Yakima, Washington. Simultaneously, the Department of Labor selected Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. to determine the net impact of the program. This data collection covers outcome variables for determining the program's impact on the student participants.

QOP provides mentoring, computer-assisted instruction, course-based tutoring, lifeskills training, and community service activities for at-risk disadvantaged high school students. A youth was eligible for QOP if he or she attended a high school with a four-year dropout rate equal to or greater than 40 percent, was entering the 9th grade for the first time in the 1995-96 academic year (the Washington, D.C. site began operations a year later: in the 1996-1997 academic year), and was in the lower two-thirds of the grade distribution for entering 9th graders according to the grade point averages from the 8th grade.

The evaluation will measure QOP's impact on academic achievement in reading and mathematics, high school graduation, and enrollment in postsecondary education or training programs. The demonstration will also be evaluated based on its impact on behaviors that are associated with barriers to achieving economic self-sufficiency as adults. Such behaviors include substance abuse, teen parenting, and criminal activity.

II. Current Actions

This notice concerns the collection of data by means of a questionnaire covering outcomes and behaviors, and the collection of school records for each member of the research sample.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

Title: Quantum Opportunity Program (QOP) Demonstration Evaluation.

OMB Number: 1205-New.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Cite/Reference/Form: The QOP promotion protocol, in-person questionnaire, telephone questionnaire, and school record collection protocol.

Total Respondents: 1,069 youth and 175 school administrators.

Frequency: The protocols and questionnaires will be administered as shown in the following table:

Item	Washington, D.C.	Other sites
Promotion Protocol	Fall 1998, 1999	Fall 1998.
In-Person Questionnaire	Spring 2000	Spring 1999.
School Record Protocol	Fall 2000	Fall 1999, 2000.
Telephone Questionnaire	Fall 2000, 2001	Fall 1999, 2000, 2001.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: Collection of school records (including promotion records) is estimated to require five minutes per student. The in-person questionnaire is estimated to require 30 minutes to complete, the telephone questionnaire is estimated to take 20 minutes to complete.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

Item	Respondents	Frequency of administration	Response rate (percent)	Total responses	Minutes per response	Burden hours
Promotion Protocol	175	1.2	100	175	30	105
In-Person Questionnaire	1069	1	80	855	30	428
School Record Protocol	175	1.5	90	236	30	118
Telephone Questionnaire	1069	2.86	80	2446	20	815
Total	1244	1466

Total Burden Cost: The cost of collecting promotion and school records, based on an average school staff salary of \$20, is anticipated to be \$4,460. The cost to student participants to complete the questionnaire in person and by telephone, based on the minimum wage of \$5.15, is

approximately \$6,401. Thus, the total burden cost is expected to be \$10,861.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: June 16, 1998.

Gerard F. Fiala,

Administrator, Office of Policy and Research.
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