

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****ETA 207, Nonmonetary Determination
Activities Report****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 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 extension collection of the ETA 207, Nonmonetary Determinations Report.

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 July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Diann Lowery, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4516, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number 202-693-33210 (this is not a toll-free number). FAX number 202-693-3229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The ETA 207 Report, Nonmonetary Determinations, contains State data on the number and types of issues that arise and data on the denials of benefits that may result due to reasons associated with a claimant's reason for separation from work such as voluntary leaving, or questions of continuing eligibility such as refusal of suitable work. These data are used by the Office of Workforce Security (OWS) to determine workload counts, to enable the OWS to evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of nonmonetary determination procedures, and to

evaluate the impact of State and Federal legislation with respect to disqualifications.

II. Review Focus

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, 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 contained on the ETA 207 report is necessary to enable the national office to continue evaluating State performance in the nonmonetary determination area and to continue using the data as a key input to the administrative funding process.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Nonmonetary Determinations Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0150.

Agency Number: ETA 207.

Affected Public: State and Local Governments.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 212.

Average Time per Response: 4.22 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 896 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

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: April 20, 2001.

Grace A. Kilbane,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Workforce Investment Act of 1998
(WIA); Notice of Incentive Funding
Availability**

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of incentive funding availability for the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, in collaboration with the Department of Education, announces that six States, (Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Texas, Utah and Vermont), are eligible to apply for WIA incentive awards under the WIA Regulations.

DATE: The six eligible States must submit their applications for incentive funding to the Department of Labor by June 18, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Rabung (e-mail: wrabung@doleta.gov), Office of Workforce Security, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-3190 (voice) (This is not a toll-free number) or 1-800-326-2577 (TDD). Information may also be found at the website: <http://usworkforce.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Six States that took the lead on implementing provisions of the Workforce Investment Act, (WIA), one year ahead of the full implementation date, have qualified for a share of the \$10.08 million available for incentive grant awards. These funds, authorized by 20 CFR 666.220, are available for a three year period to support innovative workforce system building activities which are eligible under title I or title II of WIA, or under the Perkins Act (Perkins III).

In order to qualify for a grant award, a State must have exceeded performance levels, agreed to by the Secretaries, Governor, and State Education Officer, for outcomes in State operated employment and adult education programs. The goals included placement after training, retention in employment, and improvement in literacy levels, among other measures.