

The Department was unable to locate an official of the company to obtain the information necessary to conduct the investigation. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC this 2nd day of January, 2002.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-40,385]

Steag Hamatech, Inc., Saco, Maine; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on December 3, 2001, in response to a worker petition, which was filed on behalf of workers at Steag Hamatech, Inc., Saco, Maine.

An active certification covering the petitioning group of workers remains in effect (TA-W-38,953). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 31st day of December, 2001.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Standardized Record Data (WIASRD), Quarterly Summary Report, and Annual Report; 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 properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Workforce Investment Act Management Information and Reporting System.

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's section below on or before March 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-4231, Washington, DC, 20210. Attention: William Rabung, Telephone: (202) 693-3031 (not a toll-free number), Facsimile number: (202) 693-3229, E-mail address: wabung@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In implementing the performance accountability and reporting provisions of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), all state jurisdictions and territories operating programs under WIA Title I-B are required to submit three types of participation and performance reports electronically to DOL on a periodic basis that allow the Department to manage its responsibilities under: (1) WIA section 136(d); (2) WIA section 185(a)(2), (c)(2), and (d); and (3) WIA section 189(d). These responsibilities include reporting the progress of States in achieving negotiated levels of performance on the required core and customer satisfaction measures, reports and recordkeeping, and responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The Department seeks to extend these data collection and reporting requirements without change. The Department originally received approval of this reporting package on March 1 of this year with an expiration date of October 31 of this year. This very limited approval period made it impossible for the Department to receive required information from states or to perform any analyses of the data for purposes of program administration. The Department has requested and

received a 90 day extension of this reporting package in order for the Department to at least receive the next quarterly report and the first annual report and WIASRD data from states. In order to meet the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Department is submitting this package as approved on March 1, 2000 with only minor clarification and grammatical corrections for extension of data collection and reporting requirements.

There are two basic report systems—financial and program. The financial reports are required quarterly, as provided for in WIA sec. 185(e). To avoid unnecessary reporting, the quarterly financial report looks at expenditures and records related to WIA sec. 185(f) and (g). The quarterly financial report was addressed in a separate **Federal Register** notice (65 FR 5897-5898, Feb. 7, 2000). Turning to the program report system, there are three types of reports submitted by states: individual records, quarterly summary reports, and annual reports.

A. Individual Records

The Department established a standard set of core data elements that must be maintained for each individual who receives WIA Title I-B services beyond self-service and informational activities. The number of data elements collected for each individual is driven by the level of service. States submit individual record-level electronic records for program exiters annually. The Workforce Investment Act Standardized Record Data (WIASRD) contains:

—Relevant demographic characteristics including race, ethnicity, sex and age and other related information on the participants (WIA sec. 185(d)(1)(A));

—WIA Title I-B and partner program activities in which the participants are enrolled (WIA sec. 185(d)(1)(B)); and

—Outcomes for the participants, including occupations and placement in non-traditional employment (WIA sec. 185(d)(1)(C)).

The WIASRD and related documents can be viewed at the Department's Internet Web site, <http://www.usworkforce.org>.

B. Quarterly Summary Reports

The quarterly summary reports reflect statewide activity for negotiated performance and actual performance levels as well as the number of current participants and those participants who exited during the program period. These reports provide DOL with key information necessary for program oversight purposes. This information