

purpose of discounting future benefits and computing costs or otherwise converting benefits and costs to a common time basis.

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Deputy Director, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 22, 2002.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Darrin King on 202-693-4129 or e-mail: *King-Darrin@dol.gov*.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202-395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Experience Rating Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0164.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Type of Response: Reporting.

Frequency: Annually.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Annual Responses: 53.

Average Response Time: 15 minutes (.25 hours).

Total Annual Burden Hours: 13.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup

Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The ETA-204, Experience Rating Report, provides ETA with the data needed to measure variations in assigned contribution rates that result from different experience rating systems. The data are used to provide an indication of whether solvency problems exist in State Trust Fund accounts and for analyzing factors that give rise to solvency problems. Section 303(a)(6) of the Social Security Act authorizes ETA to collect this information.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 4, 2002.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation, contact Darrin King on (202) 693-4129 or e-mail: *King-Darrin@dol.gov*.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.
- Agency:* Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP).
- Type of Review:* New collection.
- Title:* Employment Assistance Referral Network (EARN) Employer and Provider Enrollment Forms, Employer Job Posting Form, and Employer and Provider Surveys.
- OMB Number:* 1230-ONEW.
- Frequency:* On occasion and Annually.
- Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.
- Number of Respondents:* 7,500

Form	Number of responses	Average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
Provider enrollment form (EARN-1)	6,000	.33 (20 min.)	1,980
Employer enrollment form (EARN-2)	7,500	.33 (20 min.)	2,475
Employer survey	300	.33 (20 min.)	100
Provider Survey	300	.33 (20 min.)	100
Total	14,100		4,655

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Description: EARN is a referral service that links employers with service providers who refer appropriate candidates with disabilities. This information collection will enable ODEP to implement its responsibilities under Pub. L. 106-554 and Executive Order 13187 by providing necessary information for referrals as well as provide data on the effectiveness of the program.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, DOL.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. 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. 35069(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 Interagency Federal Agency Team from the Departments of Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Housing and Urban Development is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the Workforce Investment Act: Final Unified State Planning Guidance (OMB Control No. 1205-0407), should states desire to submit a modification to their current plan. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maria Flynn, Office of One-Stop Operations/ATTN: Dolores Hall-Beran,

U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210; (202) 693-3045 (phone) (this is not a toll-free number); e-mail at dberan@doleta.gov; fax at: (202) 693-3015, call TTD at: 1-800-326-2577. Information may also be found at the Web site—<http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 501 of the Workforce Investment Act (Public Law 105-220) provides the Governor of the state the option to submit a strategic Unified State Plan for two or more of the activities or programs listed in section 501(b)(2) of the Act, which include secondary vocational education programs authorized under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, programs authorized under the title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, other programs administered by Federal agencies other than the Department of Labor (DOL) as well as title I of WIA and other programs administered by DOL. The Unified Planning process provides an opportunity for states to maximize joint planning and coordination among a variety of programs and activities. States have the option of submitting a single plan for up to 16 Federal education and training programs. The Unified Plan outlines a 5-year strategy for the statewide workforce investment system of the State.

Acting on behalf of the Secretaries from each agency whose program is included in the Plan, senior managers from these respective agencies, complete a comprehensive coordinated review of the Unified State Plan modification submitted by the Governor. Based upon this review, the appropriate Secretaries of the federal agencies listed above, make a determination of whether the Plan or its modification is consistent with each program or activities' governing legislation. If no outstanding issues are noted, the Unified Plan modification is approved; if deficiencies are noted, the Governor is advised that the state must submit clarification or additional information. Modifications to the Unified Plan during the 5-year period undergo a comparable review and determination followed by a letter indicating approval or the need for additional information or clarification.

II. WIA Reauthorization

Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act is scheduled for 2003. The Administration is in the process of developing a reauthorization proposal

which may impact the Unified Planning Process.

Note: Since the original publication date, several of the Interagency Federal staff contact information listed in Section C (Programs and Activities) of the Unified Planning Guidance has changed. Should State staff require information on the programs and activities listed WIA section 501(b)(2), please note the following new contact information:

U.S. Department of Education, Office Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE)

—Secondary Vocational Education Programs (Perkins III/Secondary);

—Postsecondary Vocational Education (Perkins II/Postsecondary);

—Tech-Prep Education (Title II of Perkins III); and

—Activities authorized under Title II of WIA (Adult Education and Family Literacy Programs):

Contact: Daniel Bonner, Director of Policy Analysis: 202-260-2517 (phone); 202-260-9183 (fax); (e-mail: Daniel.Bonner@ed.gov).

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

—Activities authorized under Title I (Workforce Investment Activities for Adults, Dislocated Workers and Youth or WIA Title I):

Contact: Maria Flynn, Office of Workforce Investment, Division of One-Stop Operations/ATTN: Dolores Hall-Beran: 202-693-3045 (phone); 202-693-6336 (fax); (e-mail: mflynn@doleta.gov or dberan@doleta.gov).

—Activities authorized under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 as amended (Trade Act Programs):

Contact: Edward Tomchick: 202-693-3577 (phone); 202-693-3584; (e-mail: etomchick@doleta.gov).

—Programs authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act (Employment Service):

Contact: Stephanie Cabell: 202-693-3171 (phone); 202-693-3015 (fax); (e-mail: scabell@doleta.gov).

—Programs authorized under State unemployment compensation laws (Unemployment Insurance):

Contact: William Coyne: 202-693-3202 (phone); 202-693-3975 (fax); (e-mail: wcoyne@doleta.gov).

—Programs authorized under title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (Senior Community Service Employment Program, or SCSEP):

Contact: Robert Lunz: 202-693-3762 (phone); 202-693-3817 (fax); (e-mail: rlunz@doleta.gov).