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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Nonproduction Questionnaire

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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Justin Heung, 200 Constitution Avenue, C-5311, 202-693-3560, heung.justin@dol.gov, Fax: 202.693.3584.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Justin Heung, 200 Constitution Avenue, C-5311, 202-693-3560, heung.justin@dol.gov, Fax: 202.693.3584.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 222, 223 and 249 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, require the Secretary of Labor to issue a determination for groups of workers as to their eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). After reviewing all of the information obtained for each petition for trade

adjustment assistance filed with the Department, a determination is issued as to whether the statutory criteria for certification are met.

The information collected in ETA Form 9118 is used by the Secretary to specifically determine whether petitioning worker groups that perform a service are related to production of articles. If worker groups are related to production of articles, the form will request contact information so that sufficient article production and sales data may be collected from the appropriate contact to assess whether the production that service workers support is adversely affected by trade, and to adequately assess whether the group eligibility requirements detailed in section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, have been met.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Non-Production Questionnaire.

- 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed above in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Non-production questionnaire.
OMB Number: 1205-0447.

Affected Public: Individuals or households/business or other for-profit/not-for-profit institutions/farms/Federal Government/State, local or tribal government.

Burden: 810 Responses x 3.5 hours = 2,835 hours.

Total Respondents: 810.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 810.

Average Time per Response: 3.5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,835.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

Shirley Smith,

Administrator, Office of National Response.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting and Agenda

The seventh meeting of the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee will be held on December 14, 2004 in the Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington, DC. A meeting that had been scheduled for June 11, 2004, which would have been the Committee's seventh meeting, was canceled because that date was declared a national day of mourning for former President Ronald Reagan and Federal offices were closed.

The Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee is a technical committee composed of economists, statisticians, and behavioral scientists who are recognized for their attainments and objectivity in their respective fields. Committee members are called upon to analyze issues involved in producing Federal economic statistics and recommend practices that will lead to optimum efficiency, effectiveness, and cooperation among the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census.

The meeting will be held in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 of the Postal Square Building Conference Center. The schedule and agenda for the meeting are as follows:

9 a.m. Opening session

9:45 a.m. Alternative measures of household income

1 p.m. Priorities for future meetings