

sum total rent payment in arrears with respect to the past use and/or leasing of the Property by the Employer, as determined by Mike Amo (Mr. Amo) an independent, qualified appraiser, for the entire period of such use and/or leasing of the Property by the Employer;

(d) The termination of the Plan and the distribution of its assets is in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and all applicable statutes and regulations, including section 4044 of the Act, relating to the allocation of assets; and

(e) Upon termination of the Plan, each participant in the Plan receives 100 percent (100%) of the balance of his or her account in the Plan in cash, including each participant's *pro rata* share of the value of the Property, as of the date of the sale of the Property to Mr. Kainz.

After giving full consideration to the entire record, the Department has decided to grant the exemption, as described above. The complete application file, including all supplemental submissions received by the Department, is made available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of the Employee Benefit Security Administration, Room N-1513, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption refer to the Notice of Proposed Exemption published on December 28, 2005, at 70 FR 76882.

For Further Information Contact: Ms. Angelena C. Le Blanc of the Department, telephone (202) 693-8540. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Anchorage Area Pipe Trades 367 Joint Apprenticeship Committee (the Plan) Located in Anchorage, Alaska

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2006-05; Exemption Application No. L-11293]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a) and 406(b)(2) of the Act shall not apply to a loan (the Loan), in the amount of \$750,000, to the Plan, to serve as permanent financing for a training facility (the Training Facility) constructed by the Plan, by the Local No. 367 of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada (Local No. 367), a party in interest with respect to the Plan. This exemption is subject to the following conditions:

(a) The Plan does not pay any commissions, fees, or other expenses

with respect to this transaction, except certain specified third party closing costs;

(b) An independent, qualified fiduciary (the I/F), after analyzing the terms of the Loan, determines that such Loan is in the best interests of the Plan and its participants and beneficiaries;

(c) In determining the fair market value of the Training Facility, the I/F obtains a current written appraisal report (the Appraisal) from an independent, qualified appraiser, as of the date of the transaction, and ensures that such Appraisal is consistent with sound principles of valuation;

(d) The Loan is for the duration of 15 years at the prime rate, as listed in the *Wall Street Journal*;

(e) Under the terms of the Loan agreement, the Loan is secured by the Training Facility and, in the event of default by the Plan, Local No. 367 has recourse only against such facility and not the general assets of the Plan;

(f) The terms and conditions of the Loan are at least as favorable to the Plan as those that the Plan could have obtained in an arm's length transaction with an unrelated third party; and

(g) The Loan is repaid by the Plan with the funds that the Plan retains after paying all of its operational expenses.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on November 3, 2005 at 70 FR 66856.

For Further Information Contact: Ms. Karin Weng of the Department at (202) 693-8540. (This is not a toll-free number.)

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) This exemption is supplemental to and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transactional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(3) The availability of this exemption is subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in the application accurately describes all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption.

Ivan Strasfeld,

*Director of Exemption Determinations,
Employee Benefits Security Administration,
U.S. Department of Labor.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Evaluation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program

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 collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Ms. Charlotte Schifferes, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5637, Washington, DC 20210; (202) 693-3655 (this is not a toll-free number); e-mail: schifferes.charlotte@dol.gov; and fax: (202) 693-2766 (this is not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Charlotte Schifferes, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5637, Washington, DC 20210; (202) 693-3655 e-mail: schifferes.charlotte@dol.gov; and fax: (202) 693-2766. Copies of this Paperwork Reduction Act Submission Package are at this Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/Performance/guidance/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments regarding data collection for the impact evaluation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, reauthorized and amended in 2002. The evaluation, begun in January 2004, was motivated by enactment of new TAA legislation and is part of a planned cycle of evaluations in response to the Program Assessment Rating Tool reviews by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The TAA evaluation is intended to generate information that will be useful in responding to programmatic issues and in developing administrative guidance, technical assistance, and legislative or budgetary proposals.

The TAA program provides training, income support, and other reemployment and supportive services to workers who lose their jobs or have their work hours or salary reduced because of increased imports or shifts in production to foreign countries. The Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-210) reauthorized the TAA program for five years and amended the prior law in a number of ways. It consolidated TAA and the North American Free Trade Agreement Transitional Adjustment Assistance programs into a single program, broadened eligibility to include secondarily affected workers, and created two new benefits: the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) and Alternative TAA for eligible workers 50 years old and above. The new law also included provisions to change how the program is administered, such as the requirement that states must ensure that rapid response assistance and appropriate core and intensive services are made available.

The primary focus of the evaluation of the TAA program is to understand how TAA benefits and training services affect the employment and earnings of participants. In order to estimate these net impacts, outcomes of two groups of TAA participants will be compared to

outcomes of two statistically matched comparison groups of Unemployment Insurance (UI) recipients. This quasi-experimental approach will require extensive information on demographic and personal characteristics as well as on programmatic experiences of both TAA participants and the comparison group. This information will be gleaned from state TAA and UI administrative records and from baseline and follow-up surveys of individuals in the treatment and comparison groups.

Finally, to understand how various program and administrative practices affect TAA performance, including the various types of collaboration and administrative arrangements through which TAA operates in the One-Stop Career Center system under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), information will be gleaned from site visits to states and localities and from a survey of all local TAA programs.

Administrative records will be requested from a sample of up to 25 states (randomly selected proportionate to size). These records will include: (1) Rosters of TAA-eligible workers to be used for selecting samples of workers; (2) UI and Trade Readjustment Allowance claims data to measure claims amounts and draw the comparison-group sample; (3) UI wage records to measure pre-separation and post-separation employment and earnings for those in the treatment and comparison groups; and (4) TAA and WIA participant files to measure participant characteristics and service use. The baseline and follow-up surveys will be used to supplement information available from the administrative records by adding information about demographic and household characteristics, reasons for participating (or not participating) in services, services received, training outcomes, methods of job search, and employment history before and after the job separation. The survey will be administered by telephone in 2006 to a randomly selected sample of approximately 10,000 workers, divided between those in the TAA treatment and comparison groups. Smaller but still substantial numbers will be re-interviewed 15 and 30 months after the initial baseline survey.

Six rounds of site visits to states and localities will be conducted during the course of the evaluation, including those for the already completed Initial Implementation Study (that explored implementation of key reform elements in the 2002 legislation). The depth of information from the site visits will be complemented by a breadth of information to be collected from a local

survey to be administered in 2006. This local survey will be administered nationwide to local One-Stop Career Centers with substantial TAA activity to elicit information about general issues of TAA operations, including the types of TAA services provided, program integration within the One-Stop system, recruitment efforts for the TAA program, and the timeliness of early-intervention activities, among other issues.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning data collection for the five-year TAA evaluation that:

(a) 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;

(b) 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;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) 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 material relating to the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed above in the addressee section of this notice. Items that can be obtained include: (1) The proposed "supporting statement" which describes the purpose, methodology, and respondent burdens of the evaluation, (2) a technical appendix that includes mathematical formulas regarding statistical aspects of the evaluation, (3) instruments for the baseline and follow-up surveys of the comparison and treatment groups, (4) site visit protocols for state and local visits, and (5) the instrument for the survey of local areas.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Evaluation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program.

OMB Number: New.

Affected Public: Individuals eligible for TAA program benefits and services; individuals receiving unemployment insurance; and state and local

administrators of TAA, UI, and WIA programs.

Respondents and Burden Hours: See table below on the data collection activities.

RESPONDENT HOURS BURDEN FOR THE TAA EVALUATION

Activity	Total respondents	Frequency	Average minutes per response	Burden hours
Impact Analysis				
State Administrative Data:				
Requests	25	Thrice	480	600
Baseline Survey	7,965	One time	35	4,646
15-Month Follow-up Survey	5,310	One time	30	2,655
30-Month Follow-up Survey	3,540	One time	30	1,770
Process Analysis				
Administration of Site Visit Protocols:				
State staff (rounds 1 & 3)	150	Twice	120	600
Local area staff (rounds 2, 4, and 5)	600	One time	120	1,200
State staff (round 5)	125	One time	120	250
Total				2,500
Survey of All Local Areas				
State phone screener	50	One time	10	8
Local mail survey	700	One time	20	233

Total Burden Cost for capital and startup: \$0. There are no start-up costs; however, states will incur minimal costs associated with providing data files for TAA and UI.

Total Burden Cost for operation and maintenance: \$0. There are no on-going costs for operation and maintenance.

Comments submitted in response to this request will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

Emily Stover DeRocco,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 06-019]

Notice of Information Collection

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction

Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: All comments should be submitted within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for NASA, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mr. Walter Kit, Reports Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., Mail Suite JA000, Washington, DC 20546, 202-358-1350, *walter.kit-1@nasa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NASA Live is an interactive, educational videoconferencing program. This is an educational resource for educators of grades K-12. This survey will be used with registered educators for feedback to improve this product.

II. Method of Collection

This is an electronic survey that is attached to an e-mail requesting the educator to complete the survey and return survey.

III. Data

Title: NASA Live Survey.

OMB Number: 2700-.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government, or Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Total Annual Responses: 30.

Estimated Time Per Response: .17 hr.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

IV. Requests for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology

Dated: March 13, 2006.

Patricia L. Dunnington,

Chief Information Officer.

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