DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration

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 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. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments regarding an extension of a current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance for a series of quick turnaround surveys in which data will be collected from state workforce agencies and local workforce investment areas.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 29, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Richard Muller, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–5637, Washington, DC 20210; (202) 693–3680 (this is not a toll-free number); e-mail: Muller.Richard@dol.gov; fax: (202) 693–2766 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments regarding an extension of a current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance for a series of quick turnaround surveys in which data will be collected from state workforce agencies and local workforce investment areas. The surveys will focus on issues relating to the governance, administration, funding, service design, and delivery structure of workforce programs authorized by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Enacted in 1998, WIA has sought to redesign the workforce development system by linking over a dozen separately funded Federal programs and streamlining services, and establishing new accountability requirements.

ETA has developed quick turnaround surveys on several aspects of WIA services and outreach to businesses, under the current OMB clearance. Other surveys are also under consideration at this time.

ETA has a continuing need for information on WIA operations and is seeking a further extension of the clearance for conducting a series of eight (8) to twenty (20) separate surveys over the next three years. Each survey will be relatively short (10–30 questions) and, depending on the nature of the survey, may be administered to state workforce agencies, local workforce boards, One-Stop Centers, employment service offices, or other local-area WIA partners. Each survey will be designed on an ad hoc basis and will focus on emerging topics of pressing policy interest. Each survey will either cover the universe of respondents (for state level information) or a properly drawn random sample (for local level information). Examples of broad topic areas include:

- Local management information system developments
- New processes and procedures
- Services to different target groups
- Integration and coordination with other programs
- Local workforce investment board membership and training

Quick turnaround surveys are needed for a number of reasons. The most pressing concerns the need to understand key operational issues in light of challenges deriving from the Administration’s policy priorities and from the coming reauthorization of WIA and of other partner programs.

Timely information, that identifies the scope and magnitude of various practices or problems, is needed for ETA to fulfill its obligations to develop high quality policy, administrative guidance, regulations, and technical assistance.

The data that will be requested in the quick turnaround surveys is not otherwise available. Other research and evaluation efforts, including case studies or long-range evaluations, either cover only a limited number of sites or take many years for data to be gathered and analyzed. Administrative information and data are too limited: The five-year Workforce Investment Plans, developed by states and local areas, are too general in nature to meet ETA’s specific informational needs and are updated infrequently. Quarterly or annual data reporting by states and local areas do not provide information on key operational practices and issues. Thus, ETA has no alternative mechanism for collecting information that both identifies the scope and magnitude of emerging WIA implementation issues and provides the information on a quick turnaround basis.

ETA will make every effort to coordinate the quick turnaround surveys with other research it is conducting, in order to ease the burden on local and state respondents, to avoid
duplication, and to explore fully how information and data from each study can be used to inform the other studies. Information from the quick response surveys will complement but not duplicate other ETA reporting requirements or evaluation studies.

II. Review Focus

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments, concerning the proposed extension of the Quick Turnaround Surveys of WIA, 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 the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed above in the addressee section of this notice. It can also be accessed at [http://www.doleta.gov/OMBCN/OMBControlNumber.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/OMBCN/OMBControlNumber.cfm).

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Quick Turnaround Surveys of WIA.

OMB Number: 1205–0436.

Affected Public: State and local workforce agencies and workforce investment boards, and WIA partner program agencies at the state and local levels.

Total Respondents: Annual average, based on 250 respondents for each of 20 surveys, 5,000.

Total Burden Cost for capital and startup: $0.

Total Burden Cost for operation and maintenance: $0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment 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: November 21, 2006.

Maria K. Flynn,
Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research.

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POSTAL SERVICE

United States Postal Service Board of Governors; Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at 2 p.m.; and Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: December 5–2 p.m.—Closed; December 6–8:30 a.m.—Open; December 6–10 a.m.—Closed

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Tuesday, December 5 at 2 p.m. (Closed)

1. Strategic Planning.
2. Rate Case Update.
3. Labor Negotiations Update.
6. Negotiated Service Agreement.

Wednesday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. (Open)

2. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO Jack Potter.
3. Committee Reports.
5. Consideration of Final Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriation Request.
a. Flats Sequencing System—Phase I Program.
7. Tentative Agenda for the January 9–10, 2007, meeting in Washington, DC.

Wednesday, December 6 at 10 a.m. (Closed)—if needed

1. Continuation of Tuesday’s closed session agenda.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:


Wendy A. Hocking,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5632]

Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation; Termination of Nonproliferation Measures Against a Foreign Entity

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A determination has been made to terminate sanctions imposed pursuant to Section 3 of the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 on a Russian entity (71 FR 5483).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 21, 2006.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 4 of the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–178), the U.S. Government determined on November 17, 2006 that the sanctions imposed effective July 28, 2006 (71 FR 5483), on the Russian entity Sukhoy, are terminated.

Dated: November 22, 2006.

John C. Rood,
Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5620]

Announcement of Meetings of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee

SUMMARY: This notice announces meetings of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) to prepare advice on U.S. positions for the Study Group 7 meetings of the International Telecommunication Union—Radiocommunication Sector (ITU–R), for a Rapporteur Group meeting for Study Group 2 of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector, and for the ITU Telecommunication Sector Advisory Group (TSAG), Study Group 4 (Telecommunication Management) and Study Group 2 (Operational aspects of