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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

February 22, 2008.

The Department of Labor (DOL) hereby announces the submission of the following public information collection requests (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 each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation; including among other things a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) / e-mail: king.darrin@dol.gov.

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-6974 (these are not a toll-free numbers), e-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

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.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Title: Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0029.

Form Number: ETA-586.

Affected Public: State Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 848.

Estimated Total Annual Costs Burden: \$0.

Description: Section 3304(a)(9)(B), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, requires states to participate in an arrangement for combining employment and wages covered under the different state laws for the purpose of determining unemployed workers' entitlement to unemployment compensation. The Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages for combined wage claims (CWC), promulgated at 20 CFR 616, requires the prompt transfer of all relevant and available employment and wage data between states upon request. The Benefit Payment Promptness Standard, 20 CFR part 640, requires the prompt payment of unemployment compensation including benefits paid under the CWC arrangement. The ETA-586 report provides the ETA/Office of Workforce Security with information necessary to measure the scope and effect of the CWC program and monitor the performance of each state in responding to wage transfer data requests and the payment of benefits. For additional information, see related notice published at 72 FR 68594 on December 5, 2007.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Type of Review: New Collection (Request for a new OMB Control Number).

Title: High Growth and Community-Based Job Training Grants.

OMB Control Number: 1205-ONEW.

Form Number: ETA-9134.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 272.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 53,464.

Estimated Total Annual Costs Burden: \$0.

Description: This information collection request is to implement new reporting requirements for ETA's High Growth Job Training Initiative (HGJTI) and the Community-Based Job Training Grants (CBJTG). ETA will require grantees to submit standardized quarterly reports summarizing the number and types of participants served by grantees, the number of exiters, the number of participants engaged in training activities, and some participant outcomes. To calculate the common measures for each grantee and for the program as a whole, ETA will also require grantees to submit quarterly participant records for exiters that contain the minimum number of elements needed to obtain the information to calculate the common measures. ETA plans to use these records to obtain wage record information from the Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS), which in turn ETA will use to compute common measures. These reports and records will help ETA gauge the effects of the HGJTI and CBJTG grants, identify grantees that could serve as useful models, and target technical assistance appropriately. ETA's statutory and regulatory authority to administer these programs includes provisions for the requirement of performance reporting from grantees. The legislative authority for these programs comes from the Workforce Investment Act (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) and the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-first Century Act of 2000 as amended, both of which authorize and/or require that ETA collect information from grantees regarding program performance and participant outcomes.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Request for Certification of Compliance—Rural Industrialization Loan and Grant Program

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration is issuing this