

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: COBRA Notification Requirements—American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210–0123.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 593,000.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Responses: 38,115,000.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: None.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$34,500,000.

III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department of Labor (Department) is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.*, by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

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

Dated: May 18, 2009.

Joseph S. Piacentini,

Director, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration. [FR Doc. E9–11977 Filed 5–21–09; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Title XII Advances and Voluntary Repayment Process; Comment Request for Extension Without Change

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

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 collection 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBGN/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before July 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S–4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693–3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: gibbons.scott@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title XII Section 1201 of the SSA provides for advances to States from the Federal Unemployment Account. The law further sets out specific requirements to be met by a State requesting an advance:

- The Governor must apply for the advance;
- The application must cover a three month period and the Secretary of Labor must be furnished with estimates of the

amounts needed in each month of the three month period;

- The application must be made on such forms and shall contain such information and data (fiscal and otherwise) concerning the operation and administration of the State unemployment compensation law as the Secretary of Labor deems necessary or relevant to the performance of his or her duties under this title;

- The amount required by any State for the payment of compensation in any month shall be determined with due allowance for contingencies and taking into account all other amounts that will be available in the State's unemployment fund for the payment of compensation in such month;

- The term "compensation" means cash benefits payable to individuals with respect to their unemployment exclusive of expenses of administration.

Section 1202(a) of the SSA provides that the Governor of any State may at any time request that funds be transferred from the account of such State to the FUA in repayment of part or all of the balance of advances made to such State under section 1201. These applications and repayments may be requested by an individual designated for that authority in writing by the Governor. DOL proposes to extend this procedure through August 2012.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of this collection. Comments are requested to:

- * Evaluate whether the proposed extension of the current procedure 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 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.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Title XII Advances and Voluntary Repayment Process.

OMB Number: 1205-0199.

Agency Number: Not applicable.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Total Respondents: Up to 53.

Frequency: As needed, based on a State's discretion.

Total Responses: DOL currently projects that on average, 27 States could borrow during each calendar year from 2010 through 2012. Although it's impossible to know the exact number of responses, the maximum would be 4 requests for advances and 4 requests for voluntary repayments per State each year. This will result in 648 total responses over the three year window or an average of 216 responses per year.

Average Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 216.

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: Friday, May 15, 2009.

Cheryl Atkinson,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 74 FR 964, and three comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission of this information collection request may be found at: [http://](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain)

www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to chines@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments: On January 9, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 964) a 60-day notice of our intent to request renewal of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days ending March 10, 2009. Three comments were received from the public notice. The first comment came from B. Sachau of Floram Park, NJ, via e-mail on January 9, 2005. Ms. Sachau objected to the information collection.

Ms. Sachau had no specific suggestions for altering the data collection plans other than to discontinue them entirely. Because the comment does not pertain to the collection of information on the required forms for which NSF is seeking OMB approval, NSF is proceeding with the clearance request.

The second comment (more of a request) came from Jerry Stone with the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). He requested a copy of the current survey form and instructions, which were provided to him.

The third comment came from Dr. Dennis Fixler, the Chief Statistician of BEA, who submitted a letter of support for the survey (included with the information collection request materials found at the Web site above). This letter stated that the collected survey data are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics and requested some additional data elements be collected in future years. Some of these elements are planned to be collected on the redesigned survey instrument, which will be pilot tested with 40 institutions during the FY 2009 survey. The letter also requested that BEA be kept informed about modifications to the survey instrument.

Title: Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges.

OMB Control Number: 3145-0100.

Proposed Renewal Project: Separately budgeted current fund expenditures on research and development in the sciences and engineering performed by universities and colleges and Federally funded research and development centers—A Web survey, the Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges, originated in fiscal year (FY) 1954 and has been conducted annually since FY 1972. The survey is the academic research and development expenditure component of the NSF statistical program that seeks to provide a "central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in the United States, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal government," as mandated in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950.

Use of the Information: The proposed project will continue the annual survey cycle for up to three years. The Academic R&D Survey will be a census of the full population—for FY 2009 an expected 751 institutions (713 universities or colleges plus 38 federally