The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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.


Type of Review: New collection.

Title of Collection: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Green Goods and Services Sector Pre-testing.

OMB Control Number: 1220–NEW.

Affected Public: Private sector businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; farms; small businesses or organizations.

The primary purpose of this research is to initiate a research project to understand the collection environment and learn what information establishments have available that would help BLS collect employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. This information will be used to develop the eventual data collection instrument and ensure high quality data are collected. Data collection is scheduled to begin in November 2010. In order for BLS to understand how to collect and produce high quality green goods and services business employment by this date, BLS must begin the forms panel testing as soon as possible. Therefore, BLS is requesting an emergency clearance to allow for the necessary research to be undertaken and completed within this timeframe. A second opportunity to comment on the proposed collection of data on green goods and services sector business employment will be afforded when the package is submitted to OMB under the standard clearance process in accordance with the PRA95 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

Darrin A. King,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

Proposed Information Collection Request for the ETA 218, Benefit Rights and Experience Report; Comment Request on Extension Without Change

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration.

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 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/OMB/CN/OMBControlNumber.cfm.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 26, 2010.
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF DETERMINATIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR WORKER ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers by (TA-W) number issued during the period of November 30 through December 11, 2009.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for workers of a primary firm and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(a) of the Act must be met.

I. Under Section 222(a)(2)(A), the following must be satisfied:

1. A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers’ firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

2. The sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely; and

3. One of the following must be satisfied:

(A) Imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased;

(B) Imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles into which one or more component parts produced by such firm are directly incorporated, have increased;

(C) Imports of articles directly incorporating one or more component parts produced outside the United States that are like or directly competitive with imports of articles incorporating one or more component parts produced outside the United States have increased.

II. Estimated Burden Hours: 290 hours.

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.


Jane Oates,
Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.