SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection is in support of an evaluation of the unemployment compensation (UC) provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The evaluation is designed to provide insights into five topics: (1) States’ decisions to adopt certain UC-related reforms encouraged by the ARRA, (2) states’ implementation experiences with these ARRA UC provisions, (3) the characteristics of recipients of different types of unemployment benefits during the time ARRA-related UC benefits were available, (4) the impact of ARRA UC provisions on recipients’ outcomes, and (5) additional research questions about the influence of the UC provisions of the ARRA on macroeconomic issues and state unemployment insurance (UI) trust funds. This package requests clearance for three data collection efforts conducted as part of the evaluation: (1) Survey of UI Recipients, (2) Survey of UI Administrators, and (3) Site Visit Data Collection.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL seeks OMB approval for this information collection under OMB ICR Reference Number 201110–1225–001. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on December 12, 2011 (76 FR 77260).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB ICR Reference Number 121110–1225–001. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

• 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: DOL–DM.


OMB ICR Reference Number: 201110–1225–001.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Private Sector—For Profit Entities; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,491.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 2,901.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1,801.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.


Michel Smyth,
Departmental Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration


AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department or DOL), 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 (PRA). The Department is required to obtain OMB approval for each collection of information that is not currently approved. The Department is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection of information. The Department is especially interested in comments from individuals and organizations that can be affected by the collection. Comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Mgmt. and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20224; Telephone: 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number); email: PRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.