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Dated: Signed in Washington, DC, this 15th day of June, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request for Information Collection for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund Activity Reports, Extension Without Revisions

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the 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 [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.

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about UI Trust Fund Activity Reporting, expiring 10/31/2012.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before August 21, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Joe Williams, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue NW.,

Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S-4524, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-2928 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: *Williams.joseph@dol.gov*. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 303(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (SSA) and Section 3304(a)(3) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) require that all monies received in the unemployment fund of a state be paid immediately to the Secretary of Treasury to the credit of the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF). This is the “immediate deposit” standard.

Section 303(a)(5) of the SSA and Section 3304(a)(4) of the FUTA require that all monies withdrawn from the UTF be used solely for the payment of unemployment compensation, exclusive of the expenses of administration. This is the “limited withdrawal” standard.

Federal law (Section 303(a)(6) of the SSA) gives the Secretary of Labor the authority to require the reporting of information deemed necessary to assure state compliance with the provisions of the SSA.

Under this authority, the Secretary of Labor requires the following reports to monitor state compliance with the immediate deposit and limited withdrawal standards:

- ETA 2112: UI Financial Transactions Summary, Unemployment Fund
- ETA 8401: Monthly Analysis of Benefit Payment Account
- ETA 8403: Summary of Financial Transactions—Title IX Funds
- ETA 8403A: Spending Plans for Special Distributions
- ETA 8405: Monthly Analysis of Clearing Account
- ETA 8413: Income—Expense Analysis UC Fund, Benefit Payment Account
- ETA 8414: Income—Expense Analysis UC Fund, Clearing Account

These reports are submitted to the Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) within ETA which uses them to:

- Monitor cash flows into and out of the UTF to determine state compliance with the immediate deposit and limited withdrawal standards.

- Assure proper accounting for unemployment funds, an integral part of preparing the Department’s consolidated financial statements required by the Chief Financial Officer Act of 1990. The UTF is the single largest asset and liability on the statements.

- Reconcile the Department’s records with the U.S. Treasury records.

- Support UI research and actuarial reports analyzing the solvency of the UTF.

II. Review Focus

The Department seeks renewal of this collection since the reports are essential to the Department’s financial statements and program oversight responsibilities. The Department 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension without changes.

Title: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund Activities Reports.

OMB Number: 1205-0154.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Form(s): ETA 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413, 8414, 8403, 8403A.

Data collection activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (in hours)	Burden hours
Reporting of ETA 2112	53	Monthly	636	0.5	318
Reporting of ETA 8401	53	Monthly	636	0.5	318
Reporting of ETA 8405	53	Monthly	636	0.5	318

Data collection activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (in hours)	Burden hours
Reporting of ETA 8413	53	Monthly	636	0.5	318
Reporting of ETA 8414	53	Monthly	636	0.5	318
Reporting of ETA 8403	53	As Needed	318	0.5	159
Reporting of ETA 8403A	53	As Needed	106	0.5	53
Total	3,604	1,802

Total Annual Burden Cost for Respondents: There are no annualized costs to respondents.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request for Information Collection for Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) for UI Claimants, Extension Without Revisions

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the 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 [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.

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about SEA activities, expiring 09/30/2012.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before August 21, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Scott Gibbons, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Email: gibbons.scott@dol.gov. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting Mr. Gibbons.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Public Law 112-96, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, provides states with the opportunity to allow Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants in the Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program of 2008 (EUC08) to participate in a reemployment program that helps them start their own businesses known as SEA. Currently, a handful of states use this reemployment program, for which a minor amount of information (claimants entering the program, and weeks and amounts of dollars paid) is collected under OMB Control Number 1205-0010.

In accordance with statutory requirements and to assist states in establishing, improving, and administering SEA programs (section 2183(a)), the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) uses the ETA 9161 to collect information specific to the SEA program.

Section 2183(b)(1) of the 2012 Act directs the Secretary of Labor to establish reporting requirements for States that have established SEA programs, which shall include reporting on—(A) The total number of individuals who received unemployment compensation and—(i) Were referred to a SEA program; (ii) participated in such program; and (iii) received an allowance under such program; (B) the total amount of allowances provided to individuals participating in a SEA

program; (C) the total income (as determined by survey or other appropriate method) for businesses that have been established by individuals participating in a SEA program, as well as the total number of individuals employed through such businesses; and (D) any additional information, as determined appropriate by the Secretary. ETA currently uses Form ETA-9161 as an electronic reporting mechanism to collect this required information. In addition to Public Law 112-96, collection of data is used for oversight of the program as authorized under Section 303(a)(6) of the Social Security Act.

II. Review Focus

The Department 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension without changes.

Title: Self-Employment Assistance for UI Claimants.

OMB Number: 1205-0490.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Form(s): ETA 9161.

Total Annual Respondents: 26.

Annual Frequency: Quarterly for three different reports.