

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Office of Justice Programs**

[OJP (NIJ) Docket No. 1612]

Criminal Justice Interview Room Recording System (IRRS) Standard, Supplier's Declaration of Conformity Requirements, and Selection and Application Guide**AGENCY:** National Institute of Justice, DOJ.**ACTION:** Notice and request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In an effort to obtain comments from interested parties, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will make available to the general public three draft documents related to Interview Room Recording Systems (IRRS) used by criminal justice agencies:

1. Draft *Criminal Justice IRRS Standard*
2. Draft *Criminal Justice IRRS Supplier's Declaration of Conformity Requirements*
3. Draft *Criminal Justice IRRS Selection and Application Guide*

The opportunity to provide comments on these documents is open to industry technical representatives; criminal justice agencies and organizations; research, development, and scientific communities; and all other stakeholders and interested parties. Those individuals wishing to obtain and provide comments on the draft documents under consideration are directed to the following Web site: <http://www.justnet.org>.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 25, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Greene, by telephone at (202) 307-3384 [Note: this is not a toll-free telephone number], or by email at mark.greene2@usdoj.gov.

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BILLING CODE 4410-18-P**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Comment Request for Information Collection for the Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium, New Collection****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 pre-clearance 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 on the current data collection for the Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium (RACC). The RACC exists to facilitate applying the Registered Apprenticeship completion certificate towards college credit. RACC post-secondary members agree to accept apprentice graduates from member Registered Apprenticeship sponsors who have the approximate amount of credit toward college that has been designated by a third party evaluator. The Department has modeled the RACC after the Servicemembers Opportunities Colleges Consortium supported by the Department of Defense.

The RACC data collection includes three application forms to join the consortium, differentiated by membership type:

- (1) The application for Registered Apprenticeship sponsors requests contact

information for the national, regional or single guideline standards or program; all participating training centers, if applicable; and the value of the apprenticeship program toward college credit, recommended by a third party evaluator;

- (2) the application for two- and four-year post-secondary institutions requests contact, degree and credit transfer information; and

- (3) the application for national, regional or State organizations that

represent sponsors and/or two- and four-year post-secondary colleges and will facilitate membership in the consortium requests contact information and the nature of the relationship with sponsors or colleges.

Subsection II of the Supplementary Information paragraphs below provides greater detail on the types of comments that would be most helpful.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Laura Ginsburg, Office of Apprenticeship, Room N-5306, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-2796. 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). Fax: 202-693-3799. Email: OA.Administrator@dol.gov. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Secretary of Labor's Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA), which includes members from the employer, labor, and public sectors, has identified the need to apply the Registered Apprenticeship completion certificate for college credit as an important opportunity for apprentices to continue on a career pathway, enhance skill acquisition, and earn an Associates or Bachelor's degree. Increased articulation agreements between Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors and colleges will create a new pipeline of degree-seekers and enhance the competitiveness of American industry by enlarging the pool of highly-trained workers that possess in-demand skills and competencies.

Registered Apprenticeship pairs paid on-the-job learning with related technical/theoretical classes in a career field. The earn-while-you-learn model offers job seekers immediate employment opportunities that pay good wages and offer career growth, highly-esteemed and useful life/skill sets, portable credentials that are nationally (and often globally) recognized, and the opportunity for participants to apply their apprenticeship training to two- and four-year college programs. DOL's Assistant Secretary for Employment and

Training, Jane Oates, and the Department of Education's (DOE) Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), Brenda Dann-Messier, is undertaking a joint effort, at the recommendation of the ACA, to increase articulation agreements between post-secondary education institutions and Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors. An ad-hoc workgroup of the ACA, composed of ACA members, community college leaders, Registered Apprenticeship sponsors, American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) representatives, and leadership from DOL's Office of Apprenticeship (OA) and DOE/OVAE has developed the framework for the articulation consortium, including goals, principles and membership criteria which was adopted unanimously by the full ACA at its May 9-10, 2012 meeting. The SOC is a consortium of colleges supported by the Department of Defense that provides college articulation for soldiers and veterans who accumulate credits at a number of colleges.

DOL has shared this framework for feedback and refinement with a variety of stakeholder groups, including a wide range of community college partners as well as sponsors of Registered Apprenticeship programs who overwhelmingly support the establishment of the consortium. The

data collection is the application form to seek membership in the consortium, which DOL also has based on the SOC model.

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: New collection.
Title: Registered Apprenticeship College Consortium Membership Applications.
OMB Number: 1205-0NEW.

Affected Public: Registered Apprenticeship sponsors and graduates of the programs (journey workers), two- and four-year post-secondary institutions, national, regional and state organizations that represent sponsors and/or post-secondary institutions.

Form(s): Separate application forms for each group: (1) 2- and 4-year post-secondary institutions, (2) sponsors, (3) national, regional and state organizations that represent sponsors and 2- and 4-year institutions.

Total Annual Respondents

- First Year = 602
- 2- and 4-year post-secondary institutions = 500
 - Program Sponsors = 100
 - National, Regional, or State Associations or Other Organizations = 2
- Annual Respondents (after the first year) = 77
- 2- and 4-year post-secondary institutions = 50
 - Program Sponsors = 25
 - National, Regional, or State Associations or Other Organizations = 2

Annual Frequency: once per respondent, with annual updates as needed when contact information changes.

Total Annual Responses:

First Year = 1,237 articulation agreements

| Number of institutions | Average number of articulation agreements per institution | Total number of articulation agreements |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 380 | 1 | 380 |
| 48 | 3 | 144 |
| 30 | 8 | 240 |
| 17 | 15 | 255 |
| Total number of articulation agreements estimated to be entered by two- and four-year colleges during the first year | | 1,019 |

| Number of sponsors | Average number of articulation agreements per sponsor | Total number of articulation agreements |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 80 | 1 | 80 |
| 10 | 3 | 30 |
| 6 | 8 | 48 |
| 4 | 15 | 60 |
| Total number of articulation agreements estimated to be entered by program sponsors during the first year | | 218 |

Annual Responses (after the first year) = 166 articulation agreements

| Number of institutions | Average number of articulation agreements per institution | Total number of articulation agreements |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 40 | 1 | 40 |

| Number of institutions | Average number of articulation agreements per institution | Total number of articulation agreements |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5 | 3 | 15 |
| 3 | 8 | 24 |
| 2 | 15 | 30 |
| Total number of articulation agreements estimated to be entered by two- and four-year colleges on an annual basis | | 109 |

| Number of sponsors | Average number of articulation agreements per sponsor | Total number of articulation agreements |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 20 | 1 | 20 |
| 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 2 | 8 | 16 |
| 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Total number of articulation agreements estimated to be entered by program sponsors on an annual basis | | 57 |

Average Time per Response: 10 minutes per articulation agreement.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours

First Year = 235 hours

| Application | Burden hours |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Two- and Four-Year Post-Secondary Institutions | 179 |
| Registered Apprenticeship Sponsor | 53.5 |
| Associations and Other Organizations | 2 |

Annual Burden Hours (after the first year) = 30 hours

| Application | Burden hours |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Two- and Four-Year Post-Secondary Institutions | 18 |
| Registered Apprenticeship Sponsor | 9.5 |
| Associations and Other Organizations | 2 |

Total Annual Burden Cost for Respondents: \$14,232.

| Application | Respondent cost |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Two- and Four-Year Post-Secondary Institutions | \$11,280 |
| Registered Apprenticeship Sponsor | \$2,760 |
| Associations and Other Organizations | \$192 |

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the ICR; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: Signed in Washington, DC, on this 2nd day of January, 2013.

Jane Oates,
Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Intent To Renew the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA) Charter

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Renew Charter.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Labor has determined that the renewal of a national advisory committee on apprenticeship is necessary and in the public interest. The Department of Labor intends to renew the ACA Charter with revisions. The revisions are not intended to change the purpose or the Committee's original intent. The revisions are a routine updating of the Charter to ensure closer alignment with the Department's strategic goals and priorities. The charter for the ACA will expire on January 31, 2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Registered Apprenticeship is a unique public private partnership that is highly dependent on the engagement and involvement of its stakeholders and partners for its ongoing operational effectiveness. Apart from the ACA, there is no single organization or group with the broad representation of labor, employers, and the public available to

consider the complexities and relationship of apprenticeship activities to other training efforts or to provide advice on such matters to the Secretary and DOL officials. It is particularly important to have such considerations at this time in view of the current widespread and national interest in the role apprenticeship can play in providing career pathways for all populations in a range of high growth industries, including healthcare and manufacturing. For these reasons, the Secretary of Labor has determined that the renewal of a national advisory committee on apprenticeship is necessary and in the public interest. The ACA is being renewed to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the following: (1) The development and implementation of policies, legislation and regulations affecting the national Registered Apprenticeship system; (2) strategies that can expand the use of the Registered Apprenticeship model in non-traditional industries such as, but not limited to manufacturing, energy, and healthcare; (3) ways to more effectively partner with the public workforce system and educational institutions and communities to leverage Registered Apprenticeship as a valued post secondary credential; (4) the development of career pathways that can lead to good jobs for everyone and sustained employment for new and incumbent workers, youth, veterans, women, minorities and other underutilized and disadvantaged populations; and (5) efforts to improve performance, quality and oversight, and utilization of the national Registered Apprenticeship system.

The current ACA Charter will expire on January 31, 2013. The ACA's Charter is required to be renewed every two