

Sale of Individual Life Insurance or Annuity Contracts by a Plan.

OMB Control Number: 1210-0063.

Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,600.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 10,600.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,100.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$5,500.

Dated: December 18, 2013.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Default Investment Alternatives under Participant Directed Individual Account Plans

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Default Investment Alternatives under Participant Directed Individual Account Plans," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 23, 2014.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201311-1210-004 (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-EBSA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW.,

Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-6881 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov. Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to maintain PRA authority for the information collection requirements specified in regulations 29 CFR 2520.104b-1 and 2550.404c-5. More specifically, Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) section 404(c), 29 U.S.C. 1104(c), provides that a participant or beneficiary who can hold an individual account under his or her pension plan and who can exercise control over account assets, as determined in DOL regulations, will not be treated as a plan fiduciary. Moreover, no other plan fiduciary will be liable for any loss, or due to any breach, resulting from the participant's or beneficiary's exercise of control over the individual account assets. The Pension Protection Act, Public Law 109-280, amended the ERISA by adding section 404(c)(5)(A), 29 U.S.C. 1104(c)(5)(A), which provides that a participant in an individual account plan who fails to make investment elections regarding his or her account assets will nevertheless be treated as having exercised control over those assets, so long as the plan provides appropriate notice and invests the assets in accordance with DOL regulations. The DOL, accordingly, has promulgated a regulation to offer guidance on the types of investment vehicles that a plan may choose as its qualified default investment alternative (QDIA). The regulation also outlines two information collection requirements. First, it implements the statutory requirement that a plan provide an annual notice to each participant and beneficiary whose account assets could be invested in a QDIA. Second, the regulation requires a plan to pass any pertinent materials it receives from a QDIA to any participant or beneficiary with assets invested in the QDIA, as well to provide certain information on request. These information collections

inform participants and beneficiaries who do not make investment elections of the consequences of the failure to elect investments, the ways in which account assets will be invested through the QDIA, and of the continuing opportunity to make other investment elections, including options available under the plan.

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 the 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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1210-0132.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2013 (78 FR 3033).

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 mention OMB Control Number 1210-0132. The OMB 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., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL–EBSA.

Title of Collection: Default Investment Alternatives under Participant Directed Individual Account Plans.

OMB Control Number: 1210–0132.

Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 239,000.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 31,100,000.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 201,000.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$10,800,000.

Dated: December 13, 2013.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request for Information Collection for Information Collection for the Data Validation Requirement for Employment and Training Programs; 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 validation information for the following employment and training programs:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title IB, Wagner-Peyser, Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), National Farmworkers Jobs Program (NFP), and Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). The current expiration date is May 31, 2014.

Please note that the data submission processes within the new data validation software for Wagner-Peyser and WIA Title IB were implemented in Program Year (PY) 2012 and PY 2013 for reporting and the underlying data validation methodology is not being modified. However, the system is still coming online and the data element validation functionality in the new enterprise data validation and reporting system will not be implemented by the current expiration date for this data collection (May 31, 2014). ETA believes the software will be completed and states will have experience with using it by the end of 2014. At that time, ETA will report to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the results, per the OMB Notice of Action in 2012 approving the implementation of the software.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before February 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Policy Development and Research, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–5641, Washington, DC 20210, *Attention:* Karen A. Staha. Telephone number: (202) 693–2917 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: (202) 693–3490. Email: staha.karen@dol.gov A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the person listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The accuracy and reliability of program reports submitted by States and grantees using Federal funds are fundamental elements of good public administration and are necessary tools for maintaining and demonstrating system integrity. States and grantees receiving funding under WIA Title IB, Wagner-Peyser Act, TAA, and the Older Americans Act are required to maintain and report accurate program and financial information (WIA section 185 (29 U.S.C. 2935) and WIA Regulations 20 CFR 667.300(e)(2); Wagner-Peyser Act section 10 (29 U.S.C. 49i), Older Americans Act section 503(f)(3) and (4) (42 U.S.C. 3056a(f)(3) and (4)), and TAA Regulations 20 CFR 617.57).

Data Validation. The data validation requirement for employment and training programs strengthens the workforce system by ensuring that accurate and reliable information on program activities and outcomes is available. Data validation is intended to accomplish the following goals:

- Ensure that critical performance data are valid and accurate.
- Detect and identify specific problems with a State's or grantee's reporting processes, including the software used for compiling this information, to enable the State or grantee to correct any problems.
- Help States and grantees analyze the causes of performance successes and failures by displaying participant data organized by performance outcomes. In addition, the process enables States and grantees to calculate error rates by means of randomly selected validation subsamples of the complete set of records.

Data validation consists of two parts:

1. Report validation ensures the validity of aggregate reports submitted to ETA by requiring that States use the data validation software to calculate the reports in a uniform and consistent manner. Report validation is conducted by processing each State's complete file of participant records and automatically generating the reports submitted by the State or grantee. States and grantees are required to certify the accuracy of the reports generated by the software before they can be accepted by ETA.

2. Data element validation assesses the accuracy of participant data records. Data element validation is conducted via comprehensive manual reviews of sampled participant records against source documentation in order to ensure accuracy and compliance with Federal definitions.

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;
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