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ETA requires grantees to submit Quarterly Narrative Reports with a narrative summary of progress on activities identified by the grantee in their project work plan. Grantees also submit a Quarterly Performance Report with standardized outcome measures that include data for program participants.

These reports help ETA gauge the effectiveness of the H-1B Ready To Work grants, respond to inquiries about the program's progress and success from Congress and other stakeholders, identify grantees that could serve as useful models, target technical assistance appropriately, and provide data for the national evaluation of the Ready To Work grants. ETA is seeking an extension for the collection of the Quarterly Narrative Report and the Quarterly Performance Report for the period 7/1/2019–6/30/2022. 29 U.S.C. 414(c), American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998, 29 U.S.C. 3224a(7), Workforce Investment Act authorizes this information 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 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.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB control number 1205–0507.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. The DOL encourages

commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

The DOL 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–ETA.

Type of Review: Extension without changes.

Title of Collection: H–1B Technical Skills Training and Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge Grants.

OMB Control Number: 1205–0507.

Affected Public: Existing H–1B Ready To Work (RTW) grantees, and participants served through these programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,814.

Frequency: Varies by information collection activity.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 14,958.

Estimated Average Time per Response: Varies by information collection activity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 21,550 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.

Molly E. Conway,

Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Short-Time Compensation (STC) Grants

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor's (DOL's) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Short-Time Compensation (STC) Grants." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by February 26, 2019.

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 by contacting Mohammad Nabulsi by telephone at (202) 693–3483, TTY 1–877–889–5627 (these are not toll-free numbers), or by email at Nabulsi.Mohammad@dol.gov.

Submit written comments about or requests for a copy of this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Room S–4520, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, by email at Nabulsi.Mohammad@dol.gov, or by Fax at (202) 693–3975.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Garcia by telephone at (202) 693–3207 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at Garcia.Stephanie@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, DOL conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the Office of Management Budget (OMB) for final approval. This program helps to ensure requested data is provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and

the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed.

The enactment of Public Law 112–96 (The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, referred to hereafter as “the act”) contains Subtitle D, Short-Time Compensation Program, also known as the “Layoff Prevention Act of 2012” (Act). The sections of the law under this subtitle concern states that participate in a layoff aversion program known as STC or work sharing. Section 2164 of the Act covers grants the Federal Government provided to states for the purpose of implementation or improved administration of an STC program or for promotional and enrollment in the program. ETA has principal oversight responsibility for monitoring the STC grants awarded to state workforce agencies (SWAs). As part of the monitoring process, SWAs submit a quarterly progress report (QPR). The QPR serves as a monitoring instrument to track the SWAs’ progress toward completing STC grant activities. ETA also needs to allow for this reporting for proper oversight of state STC programs. Section 2164 of the Act authorizes this information 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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB control number 1205–0499.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

DOL 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–ETA.

Type of Review: Extension without changes.

Title of Collection: Short-Time Compensation (STC) Grants.

Form: Short-Time Compensation Quarterly Progress Report.

OMB Control Number: 1205–0499.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 44.

Estimated Average Time per

Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 44 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Advisory Committee on Veterans’ Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO): Meeting

AGENCY: Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS), Department of Labor (DOL).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the ACVETEO. The ACVETEO will discuss the DOL core programs and services that assist veterans seeking employment and raise employer awareness as to the advantages of hiring veterans. There will be an opportunity for individuals or

organizations to address the committee. Any individual or organization that wishes to do so should contact Mr. Gregory Green at 202–693–4734.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify the Advisory Committee no later than Wednesday, January 16, 2019 by contacting Mr. Gregory Green at 202–693–4734. Requests made after this date will be reviewed, but availability of the requested accommodations cannot be guaranteed. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This Notice also describes the functions of the ACVETEO. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, Conference Room N–4437 A, B & C. Members of the public are encouraged to arrive early to allow for security clearance into the Frances Perkins Building.

Security Instructions: Meeting participants should use the visitor’s entrance to access the Frances Perkins Building, one block north of Constitution Avenue at 3rd and C Streets, NW. For security purposes meeting participants must:

1. Present a valid photo ID to receive a visitor badge.

2. Know the name of the event being attended: The meeting event is the Advisory Committee on Veterans’ Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO).

3. Visitor badges are issued by the security officer at the Visitor Entrance located at 3rd and C Streets NW. When receiving a visitor badge, the security officer will retain the visitor’s photo ID until the visitor badge is returned to the security desk.

4. Laptops and other electronic devices may be inspected and logged for identification purposes.

5. Due to limited parking options, Metro’s Judiciary Square station is the easiest way to access the Frances Perkins Building.

Notice of Intent to Attend the Meeting: All meeting participants should submit a notice of intent to attend by Friday, January 11, 2019, via email to Mr. Gregory Green at