In addition, Gainesville rehabilitation would take years to complete. The Job Corps program retains robust capacity in Florida, a state where there are three other centers, including the Jacksonville Job Corps Center approximately 70 miles from the Gainesville campus. None of the three Job Corps centers in Florida are operating at capacity; all have the ability to accept additional students. Collectively these centers have the capacity to absorb the area’s demand. By consolidating the operation of the Job Corps program at the three remaining Florida centers, the state will retain the ability to adequately serve at-risk youth with greater operational and administrative efficiencies. In addition, through demonstration project authority in section 156(a) of WIOA, DOL plans to expand opportunities to serve Job Corps eligible youth through a partnership with the Florida Department of Military Affairs (Florida National Guard). In order to provide functional, safe, and secure campuses for as many students as possible given the limited resources available, DOL has determined students in Florida and across the country will be better served if Job Corps’ construction and repair budget—and the time, personnel, and effort required to administer the use of these funds—is allotted across the entire system to improve the conditions of as many centers and as many students as possible as opposed to investing the necessary resources in Gainesville.

B. Barranquitas Job Corps Center

The Barranquitas Job Corps Center has 14 buildings on 12 acres of land in a rural area approximately 40 miles south of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The center has been inactive since Hurricane Maria damaged it in September 2017. All three centers in Puerto Rico were damaged by the hurricane; Barranquitas sustained the greatest amount of damage. Barranquitas has numerous physical deficiencies that existed prior to the hurricane and many caused by Hurricane Maria. Prior to the hurricane, multiple center deficiencies were under contract for repair, including roof leaks in eight of the 14 buildings, and replacement of all of the windows in the gymnasium, many of which were no longer keeping the elements out. The hurricane exacerbated these roof issues and caused significant interior water damage. Further, the hurricane caused significant erosion along the north boundary of the property, leading to a destabilized slope that resulted in foundation damage to the emergency generator facility. If the slope is not repaired and stabilized, future storms could cause additional erosion under the foundation of the facilities used for academic and vocational training. The total estimated cost to address the pre-existing facility issues and repair the hurricane damage at Barranquitas is $19 million.

Job Corps can continue to serve at-risk youth in Puerto Rico by consolidating operations at two of Puerto Rico’s three centers. Puerto Rico’s Ramey Job Corps Center sustained the least damage from Hurricane Maria. Job Corps re-opened the center in May 2018. All of the trades formerly offered by both the Arecibo Job Corps Center, also in Puerto Rico, and the Barranquitas Job Corps Center are now offered at Ramey. There were 249 students at the Ramey Job Corps Center at the time of the hurricane; however, after assessing available space, the planned number of students was increased to 470 to accommodate as many students as possible. Further, Job Corps initiated the rehabilitation of the Arecibo Job Corps Center in June 2018. The center is scheduled to reopen by February 2020, with an increased capacity of 201 students. When Arecibo reopens, Job Corps will have the capacity to serve the same number of students on the island as it had prior to Hurricane Maria. Merging the operations of three centers into two centers will increase the efficiency of the administration and operation of the Job Corps program in Puerto Rico, leading to reduced costs and better service for the students on the island. Given the other two Job Corps centers in Puerto Rico can successfully serve the same number of students previously served by all three centers, it is a more prudent long-term approach to invest available construction and rehabilitation resources in two Job Corps centers rather than divide the resources among three centers.

IV. Request for Public Comments

After studying (1) the needs of the centers against those of the program overall; (2) the effort needed to provide and maintain a high-quality, safe, and productive living and learning environment; and (3) whether that effort is likely to ultimately produce an outcome that contributes to the program’s overall strength and integrity, the Department has concluded that restarting operations at the Gainesville and Barranquitas Job Corps Centers is not in the best interest serving at-risk youth as well as the program as a whole. After completing this evaluation, the Department then applied the relevant additional considerations as amended in the September 2017 FRN and discussed above in Section II.B and determined that these considerations did not preclude actions proposed as to the Gainesville or Barranquitas Job Corps Centers.

The Department now requests public comments on its proposals associated with the Gainesville and Barranquitas Job Corps Centers.

V. The Process Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Department’s process will follow the requirements of section 159(j) of the WIOA, which include the following:

- Announcing the proposed decision concerning a particular center in advance to the general public through publication in the Federal Register or other appropriate means;
- Establishing a reasonable comment period, not to exceed 30 days, for interested individuals to submit written comments to the Secretary; and
- Notifying the Member of Congress who represents the district in which the center is located within a reasonable period in advance of any final decision concerning the status of the center.

This Notice serves as the public announcement of the proposals associated with the Gainesville Job Corps Center and the Barranquitas Job Corps Center. The Department is providing a 30-day period—the maximum amount of time allowed for comment under WIOA sec. 159(j)—for interested individuals to submit written comments on the proposed decision. The Department will announce its final decision following the conclusion of the comment period.

Molly E. Conway,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Required Elements for Submission of the Unified or Combined State Plan and Plan Modifications Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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, “Required Elements for Submission of the Unified or Combined State Plan and Plan Modifications under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.” 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 March 4, 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 Sean Fox by telephone at 202–693–2946, TTY 1–877–889–5627 (these are not toll-free numbers), or by email at fox.sean@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 Workforce Investment, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210; by email: WIOA.PLAN@dol.gov or by Fax at 202–693–3817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Fox by telephone 202.693.2946 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at fox.sean@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, 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 OMB for final approval. This program helps to ensure 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 can be properly assessed.

This ICR collects the required information for the submission of WIOA State Plans and Modifications. The information covered includes the State’s strategic focus for its public workforce system and then several key items for operationalizing the strategic goals. Information in the WIOA State Plan includes an overview of the State’s governance structure, resources, programs, career pathways, and sector strategy initiatives. The ICR also includes assurances that the WIOA program in the State is compliant with statutory and regulatory requirements.

In February 2016, OMB approved the Information Collection Request (ICR), OMB control number 1205–0522, that allows the Department of Labor and Department of Education (the Departments) to collect State Plans required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). OMB granted approval for the ICR through September of 2019. U.S.C. 3101 (The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity 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 1205–0522.

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: Required Elements for Submission of the Unified or Combined State Plan and Plan Modifications under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Form: None.

OMB Control Number: 1205–0522.

Affected Public: State and local workforce development board members, chief local elected officials, job-seekers, and employers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 38. For the last version of this ICR, we listed 38 respondents. In this extension request, we retain the calculation for 38 respondents.

Frequency: Every 2 years (an initial Plan and 2-year modification as needed).

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 38.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 214 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,136 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: $388,819.


Molly E. Conway,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Biweekly notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or