AFFECTED PUBLIC: Private Section: Businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions.
Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 454,067.
Total Estimated Number of Responses: 31,803,436 responses (previously presented as 1,816,268).
Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 626,406 hours (previously presented as 30,272 hours).
Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $1,088,156.
Frederick Licari,
Departmental Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Apprenticeship Evidence-Building Portfolio, New Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general 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 (PRA95). This program helps to 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 is properly assessed. Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Apprenticeship Evidence-Building Portfolio. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either one of the following methods:
Email: ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov; Mail or Courier: Janet Javar, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Instructions: Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Javar by email at ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov or by phone at (202) 693–9594.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Background: The Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) intends to design and conduct evaluations of DOL-funded apprenticeship initiatives through the Apprenticeship Evidence-Building Portfolio. The portfolio of initiatives includes the Scaling Apprenticeship Through Sector-Based Strategies grants, Closing the Skills Gap grants, Transitioning Service Member Apprenticeship demonstration, and other DOL investments. The goal of this five-year study is to build evidence on apprenticeship models, practices, and partnership strategies in high-growth occupations and industries.

The overall study is comprised of several components: (1) An implementation study of the Scaling Apprenticeship, Closing the Skill Gaps, and other similar DOL initiatives to develop typologies of apprenticeship models and practices, identify promising strategies across the portfolio, and to better understand the implementation of models to help interpret impact evaluation findings; (2) an impact evaluation to examine the effectiveness of the models on participants’ outcomes, such as employment earnings and career advancement; (3) an implementation study on the Transitioning Service Member Apprenticeship demonstration to understand service delivery design and implementation, challenges, and promising practices. DOL will submit additional ICRs for future data collection requests for this overall study.

This Federal Register Notice provides the opportunity to comment on proposed data collection instruments that will be used in the evaluations: 
1. Baseline survey and informed consent of program participants.
2. Baseline survey and informed consent of program staff.
3. Interview guide for program partners.
4. Interview guide for program staff.
5. Focus group guide for participants.
6. Focus group guide for military apprenticeship placement counselors.

II. Desired Focus of Comments: Currently, DOL is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the Apprenticeship Evidence-Building Portfolio. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:
1. 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.

- 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—for example, permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. Current Actions: At this time, DOL is requesting clearance for the baseline survey and informed consent of participants; baseline survey and informed consent of staff; interview guide for program staff; interview guide for program partners; focus group guide for participants; interview guide for apprenticeship placement counselors; and focus group guide for military participants.

Type of Review: New information collection request.

OMB Control Number: 1290–0NEW.

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1 Assumes 5,000 participants randomized every year.
2 Assumes 200 staff assist in participant randomization every year, each serving 25 participants.
3 Assumes 7 sites visited per year with 4 program staff and 6 partner interviews per site.
4 Assumes 1 focus group with 10 participants per each site visited.
5 Assumes 1 focus group with 6 participants in each of 8 sites, spread over three years.

Christina Yancey,
Chief Evaluation Officer, U.S. Department of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Employer Adoption of Voluntary Health and Safety Standards, New Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general 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 (PRA95). This program helps to 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 is properly assessed. Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about Employer Adoption of Voluntary Health and Safety Standards. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either one of the following methods: Email: ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov; Mail or Courier: Chayun Yi, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Instructions: Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chayun Yi by email at ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov or by phone at (202) 693–5084.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: I. Background: In recent years, a number of national and international organizations have developed voluntary consensus-based standards designed to help organizations manage workplace safety and health in a systematic way. The first of these, Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (OHSAS) 18001, was published in 1999. After its adoption in 2007 as an official British standard, OHSAS 18001 gained broader acceptance worldwide. In 2005, the U.S.