(4) The Abandoned Plan Class Exemption (PTE 2006–06) permits a QTA that terminates an abandoned plan under the QTA regulation to receive payment for its services from the abandoned plan and to distribute the account balance of a participant who has failed to provide investment direction into an individual retirement account (IRA) maintained by the QTA or an affiliate. One of the conditions of the exemption requires that the QTA keep records of the distributions for a period of six years and make such records available on request to interested persons (including the Department and participants and beneficiaries). If a QTA wishes to be paid out of plan assets for services provided prior to becoming a QTA, the exemption requires the QTA to enter into a written agreement with a plan fiduciary or the plan sponsor prior to receiving payment and a copy of the agreement to be provided to the Department.

The Department has received approval from OMB for this ICR under OMB Control No. 1210–0127. The current approval is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2022.

Title: Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 Research Exception Notice.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210–0136.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, Businesses or other for-profits.

Respondents: 24.

Responses: 24.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 6.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): $83.

Description: The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), Public Law 110–233, was enacted on May 21, 2008. Title I of GINA amended the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), and the Social Security Act (SSA) to prohibit discrimination in health coverage based on genetic information. Sections 101 through 103 of Title I of GINA prevent employment-based group health plans and health insurance issuers in the group and individual markets from discriminating based on genetic information and from collecting such information. The interim final regulations, which are codified at 29 CFR 2590.702A, only interpret Sections 101 through 103 of Title I of GINA.

GINA and the interim final regulations (29 CFR 2590.702A(c)(5)) provide an exception to the limitations on requesting or requiring genetic testing that allows a group health plan or group health insurance issuer to request, but not require, a participant or beneficiary to undergo a genetic test if all of the following conditions of the research exception are satisfied.

(1) The request must be made pursuant to research that complies with 45 CFR part 46 (or equivalent Federal regulations) and any applicable State or local law or regulations for the protection of human subjects in research. To comply with the informed consent requirements of 45 CFR 46.116(a)(8), a participant must receive a disclosure that participation in the research is voluntary, refusal to participate cannot involve any penalty or loss of benefits to which the participant is otherwise entitled, and the participant may discontinue participation at anytime without penalty or loss of benefits to which the participant is entitled (the Participant Disclosure).

The interim final regulations provide that when the Participant Disclosure is received by participants when their informed consent is sought, no additional disclosures are required for purposes of the GINA research exception.

(2) The plan or issuer must make the request in writing and must clearly indicate to each participant or beneficiary (or in the case of a minor child, to the legal guardian of such beneficiary) to whom the request is made that compliance with the request is voluntary and noncompliance will have no effect on eligibility for benefits, premium, or contribution amounts.

(3) None of the genetic information collected or acquired as a result of the research may be used for underwriting purposes.

(4) The plan or issuer must complete a copy of the “Notice of Research Exception under the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act” (the Notice) and provide it to the participant specified in its instructions.

The Department has received approval from OMB for this ICR under OMB Control No. 1210–0136. The current approval is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2022.

II. Focus of Comments

The Department is particularly interested in comments that:

• Evaluate whether the collections of information are 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 collections 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., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of October, 2021.

Ali Khawar,
Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Information Advisory Council

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of two virtual meetings in December 2021.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC or Advisory Council) will meet for two days, virtually.

Information for public attendance at the virtual meetings will be posted at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wiac/meetings several days prior to each meeting date. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will take place December 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021. Each meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. EST and conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. EST. Public statements and requests for special accommodations or to address the Advisory Council must be received by November 29, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Information for public attendance at the virtual meetings will be posted at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wiac/meetings several days prior to each meeting date. If problems arise accessing the meetings, please contact...
Donald Haughton, Unit Chief in the Division of National Programs, Tools, and Technical Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at 202–693–2784.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Steven Rietzke, Chief, Division of National Programs, Tools, and Technical Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C–4510, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210; Telephone: 202–693–3912; Email: WIAC@dol.gov. Mr. Rietzke is the WIAC Designated Federal Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background: These meetings are being held pursuant to Sec. 308 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) (Pub. L. 113–128), which amends Sec. 15 of the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933 (29 U.S.C. 491–2). The WIAC is an important component of the WIOA. The WIAC is a federal advisory committee of workforce and labor market information experts representing a broad range of national, State, and local data and information users and producers. The WIAC was established in accordance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. app.) and will act in accordance with the applicable provisions of FACA and its implementing regulation at 41 CFR 102–3. The purpose of the WIAC is to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Labor (Secretary), working jointly through the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training and the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, to address: (1) The evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information (WLMI) system and statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system; and (2) how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems. These systems include programs to produce employment-related statistics and State and local workforce and labor market information.

The Department of Labor anticipates the WIAC will accomplish its objectives by: (1) Studying workforce and labor market information issues; (2) seeking and sharing information on innovative approaches, new technologies, and data to inform employment, skills training, and workforce and economic development decision making and policy; and (3) advising the Secretary on how the workforce and labor market information system can best support workforce development, planning, and programming. Additional information is available at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa/wiac/meetings.

Purpose: The WIAC is currently in the process of identifying and reviewing issues and aspects of the WLMI system and statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system and how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems. As part of this process, the Advisory Council meets to gather information and to engage in deliberative and planning activities to facilitate the development and provision of its recommendations to the Secretary in a timely manner.

Agenda: The agenda topics for the December 1, 2021 meeting are: (1) Review and approve minutes from the previous meeting, (2) review and discuss the sub-committee work on identifying and collecting information on skills, (3) develop a set of recommendations regarding skills, (4) comment period for the general public, and (5) other business as needed. The agenda topics for the December 8, 2021 meeting are: (1) Review and approve minutes from the previous meeting, (2) review and discuss the sub-committee work on data sharing, (3) develop a set of recommendations regarding data sharing, (4) comment period for the general public, and (5) other business as needed. A detailed agenda will be available at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa/wiac/meetings shortly before the meetings commence.

The Advisory Council will open the floor for public comment at approximately 2:30 p.m. EST on for both meeting dates, for approximately 10 minutes. However, that time may change at the WIAC chair’s discretion. Attending the meetings: Members of the public who require reasonable accommodations to attend any of the meetings may submit requests for accommodations via email to the email address indicated in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section with the subject line “December 2021 WIAC Meeting Public Statements” by the date indicated in the DATES section. Submitters may include their name and contact information in a cover letter for mailed statements or in the body of the email for statements transmitted electronically. Relevant statements received before the date indicated in the DATES section will be included in the record of each meeting. No deletions, modifications, or redactions will be made to statements received, as they are public records. Please do not include personally identifiable information in your public statement.

Requests to Address the Advisory Council: Members of the public or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their requests to the contact indicated in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section, or contact the same by phone, by the date indicated in the DATES section. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, time permitting, and shall proceed at the discretion of the Advisory Council chair. Individuals with disabilities, or others who need special accommodations, should indicate their needs along with their request.

Angela Hanks, Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Roof Control Plan for Underground Coal Mines

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before December 9, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this