

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Emergency Review; State Input for the 1996 Report to Congress on Title V Community Prevention Grants.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtained comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by February 21, 1997. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, 202-395-5871, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC, 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same period a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 21, 1997. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(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;

(2) evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this

notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to Eric Peterson at the address listed below. If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Eric Peterson (202-616-3644), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: New collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: State Input for the 1996 Report to Congress on Title V Community Prevention Grants.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection. Form: None. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State and local units of government. Other: None. The information collected with this form will allow OJJDP to report to Congress on the status of Title V program implementation, grant activity in the past fiscal year, and promising local delinquency prevention programs.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 57 respondents at 1 hour per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 57 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,
Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Work Opportunity Tax Credit Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, 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) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). 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 can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Reporting Requirements.

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 April 21, 1997. The Department of Labor 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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarification 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, e.g., permitting submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Carmen Ortize, U.S. Employment Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S.

Department of Labor, Room N-4470, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, 202-219-5185 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has oversight responsibilities for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) under the Small Business Jobs Protection Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-188). Data collected on the WOTC will be collected by the State Employment Security Agencies and provided to the U.S. Employment Service, Division of Planning and Operations, Washington, DC, through the appropriate Department

of Labor regional office. The data will be use, primarily, to supplement IRS Form 8850, help expedite the processing of, either, employer requests for Certification generated through IRS Form 8850 or issuance of Conditional Certifications (CCs) and processing of employer requests for Certifications as a result of individuals' bearing SESAs or participating agencies' generated CCs, help streamline SESAs verification mandated activities, aid and expedite the preparation of the quarterly reports.

II. Current Actions

This is a request for OMB approval of an extension of an existing collection of information previously approved by OMB. The extension will allow the Department to continue these data

collections and to provide a significant source of information for the Secretary's Annual Report to Congress on the WOTC Program. The data recorded through the use of these forms will also help in the preparation of an annual report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC).

OMB Number: 1205-0371.

Agency Number: ETA 9057-9059, 9061-9063, and 9065.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Cite/Reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden
ETA 9057	52	Quarterly	208	8 hours	1,664
ETA 9058	52	Quarterly	208	8 hours	1,664
ETA 9059	52	Quarterly	208	8 hours	1,664
ETA 9061-9063 & 9065	7,800	As needed ...	7,800	20 min. ea. ..	2,600
Record keeping	52	Annually	52	997	51,844
Totals			9,048		59,436

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): <complete as applicable,
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

John R. Beverly,

Director, U.S. Employment Service.

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Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of

laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue

current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal Register, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for