

numbers), E-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be received on or before February 24, 2010.

The OMB 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 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 submissions of responses.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title of Collection: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Green Goods and Services Sector Pre-testing.

OMB Control Number: 1220-NEW.

Affected Public: Private sector businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; farms; small businesses or organizations.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Forms panel testing	2,500	One time	2,500	30	1,250
Follow-up interviews	750	One time	750	30	375
Totals	2,500	3,250	1,625

The difference between the total number of respondents and the total number of responses reflects the fact that the respondents contacted for the follow-up interviews are a subset of the respondents contacted during the forms panel testing. About 750 of the respondents will be contacted twice, once during the panel testing and a second time for the follow-up interview.

Total Burden Cost: (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost: (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Description: As the chief source of government data on employment, the 2010 Congressional appropriation tasks the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program with producing employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. This initiative will produce regular tabulations of aggregate employment and wages for businesses whose primary activities fall in the green goods and services sector as defined by BLS. These series will be key to analyzing workforce trends in this sector.

The purpose of this request for clearance is for the QCEW program to initiate a research project to understand the collection environment and learn what information establishments have available that would help BLS collect employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. This information will be used to improve the eventual data collection instrument, increase response rates, and ensure high quality data are collected.

The primary purpose of this research is neither to finalize a definition of green goods and services sector nor to determine what defines the green sector. Rather, the focus is on learning what collectable information firms have available about their products, services, and other items that might be used to collect data on this sector. The BLS definition of the green goods and

services sector industry will be addressed separately.

Why are we requesting Emergency Processing? Emergency clearance is being sought for the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Green Goods and Services Sector Industry Pre-testing. The purpose of this request for clearance by the BLS QCEW program is to initiate a research project to understand the collection environment and learn what information establishments have available that would help BLS collect employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. This information will be used to develop the eventual data collection instrument and ensure high quality data are collected. Data collection is scheduled to begin in November 2010. In order for BLS to understand how to collect and produce high quality green goods and services business employment by this date, BLS must begin the forms panel testing as soon as possible. Therefore, BLS is requesting an emergency clearance to allow for the necessary research to be undertaken and completed within this timeframe. A second opportunity to comment on the proposed collection of data on green goods and services sector business employment will be afforded when the package is submitted to OMB under the standard clearance process in accordance with the PRA95 (44 U.S.C. 3506).

Darrin A. King,
Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Proposed Information Collection Request for the ETA 218, Benefit Rights and Experience Report; Comment Request on Extension Without Change

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration.

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 collection 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBCN/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S-4531, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: gibbons.scott@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Attachment to the labor force, usually measured as amount of past wages earned, is used to determine eligibility for state unemployment compensation programs. The data in the ETA 218, Benefit Rights and Experience Report, includes numbers of individuals who were and were not monetarily eligible, those eligible for the maximum benefits, those eligible based on classification by potential duration categories, and those exhausting their full entitlement as classified by actual duration categories. These data are used by the National

Office in solvency studies, cost estimating and modeling, and assessment of state benefit formulas.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension for the collection of the ETA 218, Benefit Rights and Experience report. *Comments are requested 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The continued collection of the information contained on the ETA 218 report is necessary to enable the Office of Unemployment Insurance to continue evaluating state benefit formulas and the establishment of new benefit years.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Benefit Rights and Experience.

OMB Number: 1205-0177.

Agency Number: ETA 218.

Affected Public: State and Local Governments.

Total Respondents: 580.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 580.

Average Time per Response: 0.5 hours.

Cite/Reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total re-sponses	Average time per response	Burden
ETA 218 Regular	53	Quarterly	212	.5 hour	106 hrs.
ETA 218 Extended Benefits.	39	Quarterly	156	.5 hour	78 hrs.
ETA 218 Emergency Unemployment Compensation.	53	Quarterly	212	.5 hour	106 hrs.
Totals	580	290 hrs.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 290 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice 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: January 19, 2010.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers by (TA-W) number issued during the period of *November 30 through December 11, 2009*.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for workers of a primary firm and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(a) of the Act must be met.

I. Under Section 222(a)(2)(A), the following must be satisfied:

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) The sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely; and

(3) One of the following must be satisfied:

(A) Imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased;

(B) Imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles into which one or more component parts produced by such firm are directly incorporated, have increased;

(C) Imports of articles directly incorporating one or more component parts produced outside the United States that are like or directly competitive with imports of articles incorporating one or more component