

- System Error handling,
- End-user support mechanisms,
- Alternate access options and usability issues,
- Policies and Procedures development and dissemination
- Technical preparation,
- Call Center and Customer Service operations,
- Staffing and Staff Training on new system operations,
- Help Desk support,
- Management oversight,
- Vendor support and
- Communications.

The new ETA 9166 will be used by the National and regional offices to ensure that states have plans to address critical issues prior to launching a new UI IT system and to identify areas where SWAs may need technical assistance to support successful implementation of UI IT Modernization projects. This information will include the project title and purpose, the project timeline and milestones, and a narrative description of the project implementation status. It will also include explanations of plans or workarounds to address the areas of potential issues identified in the implementation checklist, an explanation of any portion of the project that will experience delays in implementation, mitigation proposals for addressing problems and new project timelines (if applicable), a self-reported designation of the implementation status, and a discussion of identified technical assistance needs for the successful completion of the project.

ETA believes that the use of this checklist as a planning tool will help states ensure the availability of mission critical functions as the state prepares for the launch of a new system and following the launch of a new system.

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning a new collection of information: ETA 9166, Unemployment Insurance (UI) Information Technology (IT) Modernization Pre-Implementation Planning Checklist Report.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before June 30, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Paul Bankes, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4524, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3053 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: bankes.paul@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The information to be reported on the ETA 9166 report will be used by the National and regional offices to validate that states are positioned to successfully “go live” with a new system and to provide any needed technical assistance as appropriate, in partnership with the Information Technology Support Center operated by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, in support of successful implementation of UI IT Modernization projects. This information will include the UI IT Modernization project title (e.g. State project or Consortium name) and the associated Report on Pre-Implementation Planning Checklist results. For each sub-element identified in the checklist:

- Provide a brief report detailing the status of the project as it relates to addressing the particular sub-element issue(s);
- provide a self-reported designation of the implementation status;
- provide/attach explanations of any workarounds, if applicable, to be used in implementation;
- provide/attach explanations of any portions of the project that will experience delays in implementation;
- describe any mitigation proposals for addressing any problems;
- describe new project timelines, if applicable; and
- describe any discussion of identified technical assistance needs for the successful completion of the project or any sub-element of the project.

The collection will enable ETA to identify and provide appropriate technical assistance needs to a state on issues in the checklist and ensure states have plans for addressing critical issues prior to launching a new UI IT system.

II. Review Focus

The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- * Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary to describe the status of the SWA’s new UI IT system activities, 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 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

Type of Review: New collection.
Title: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Information Technology (IT) Modernization Pre-Implementation Planning Checklist Report, ETA 9166.
OMB Number: 1205-0NEW.
Affected Public: State Government.
Estimated Total Annual Respondents:

3-5.

Annual Frequency: One-time response.

Estimated Total Annual Responses:

3-5.

Average Time per Response: 120

hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 360-

600 hours per year.

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup):

\$0.

Total Burden Cost (Reporting):*

\$18,979-\$31,620.

* We envision the report will be completed by some combination of an IT Project Manager and the state’s UI Director. Based on budget allocations, a figure of \$52.72 was derived for the average hourly wage of state agency UI Directors and IT staff for fiscal year 2015.

We will summarize and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR, the comments received in response to this comment request; they will also become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA); Notice of Incentive Funding Availability Based on Program Year (PY) 2013 Performance

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), in collaboration with the Department of Education (ED), announces that three States are eligible to apply for WIA (Public Law 105-220, 29 U.S.C. 2801 *et seq.*) incentive grant awards authorized by section 503 of the

WIA. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, signed into law on July 22, 2014, Public Law 113–128, eliminates incentive awards for state performance. PY 2013 is the last year that incentive grants will be awarded to states under WIA.

DATES: The three eligible States must submit their applications for incentive funding to the address listed below by June 15, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications to the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Policy Development and Research, Division of Strategic Planning and Performance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–5641, Washington, DC 20210, *Attention:* Catterra Castile and Luke Murren. Telephone number: 202–693–3733 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: 202–693–2766. Email: *castile.catterra@dol.gov* and *murren.luke@dol.gov*. Information may also be found at the ETA Performance Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/performance>. Additional information on how to apply can be found in Training and Employment Guidance Letter 20–01 Change 13, which will be forthcoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luke Murren at *Murren.Luke@dol.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Three States (see Appendix) qualify to receive a share of the \$9 million available for incentive grant awards under WIA section 503. These funds, which were contributed by ED from appropriations for the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act at WIA title II (AEFLA), are available for the eligible States to use through June 30, 2017, to support innovative workforce development and education activities that are authorized under WIA title IB (Workforce Investment Systems) or WIA title II (AEFLA), or under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV), 20 U.S.C. 2301 *et seq.*, as amended by Public Law 109–270. In order to qualify for a grant award, a State must have exceeded its performance levels for WIA title IB and WIA title II. (Perkins IV removed the requirement that funds be reserved to carry out section 503 of WIA which only referenced Public Law 105–332 (Perkins III); thus, DOL and ED do not consider States’ performance levels under Perkins IV in determining eligibility for incentive grants under section 503 of WIA). The performance related goals used to determine a State’s eligibility status include: (1) Employment after training and related services, as well as retention in employment, and (2) improvements in literacy levels, among other measures. After review of the performance data submitted by States to

DOL and ED, each Department determined which States exceeded their performance levels for its respective program(s) (the Appendix at the bottom of this notice lists the eligibility of each State by program). These lists were compared, and States that exceeded their performance levels for both programs are eligible to apply for and receive an incentive grant award.

The States eligible to apply for incentive grant awards and the amounts they are eligible to receive are listed in the following chart:

State	Total award
Minnesota	\$3,000,000
North Dakota	3,000,000
Rhode Island	3,000,000

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APPENDIX

State	Incentive grants program year 2013 exceeded state performance levels		
	WIA title IB	AEFLA (WIA title II—Adult education)	WIA title IB; AEFLA
Alabama			
Alaska	X		
Arizona			
Arkansas			
California			
Colorado	X		
Connecticut			
District of Columbia			
Delaware			
Florida			
Georgia		X	
Hawaii			
Idaho		X	
Illinois		X	
Indiana	X		
Iowa		X	
Kansas	X		
Kentucky			
Louisiana			
Maine			
Maryland	X		
Massachusetts		X	
Michigan			
Minnesota	X	X	X
Mississippi			
Missouri		X	
Montana		X	
Nebraska	X		
Nevada			
New Hampshire		X	
New Jersey			
New Mexico			
New York		X	

APPENDIX—Continued

State	Incentive grants program year 2013 exceeded state performance levels		
	WIA title IB	AEFLA (WIA title II—Adult education)	WIA title IB; AEFLA
North Carolina			
North Dakota	X	X	X
Ohio	X		
Oklahoma			
Oregon			
Pennsylvania		X	
Puerto Rico			
Rhode Island	X	X	X
South Carolina	X		
South Dakota		X	
Tennessee	X		
Texas		X	
Utah	X		
Vermont			
Virginia			
Washington			
West Virginia	X		
Wisconsin			
Wyoming			
Total	14	15	3

* States in bold exceeded their performance levels for both WIA title IB and WIA title II programs.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities; Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Panel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities will hold two meetings of the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Panel during May, 2015.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 28, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held by teleconference originating at the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506.