DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Recordkeeping/Reporting Requirements Under Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

September 11, 1996.

The Department of Labor has submitted the following (see below) emergency processing public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). OMB approval has been requested by September 16, 1996. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting

documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Theresa M. O'Malley ((202) 219–5095).

Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be forwarded to Office Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395–7316).

The Office of Management and Budget 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 response.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Work Opportunity Tax Credit. *OMB Number:* 1205–0 new.

Cite reference	Total re- spondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time/re- sponse	Burden
Data collection Record keeping	52 52	Quarterly	208 One-time	31 897	6,448 51,844
Totals			208		58,292

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup):

Note: Currently the WOTC is an unfunded mandate. However, the House in its 1997 appropriation report, states that the Committee intends to provide funds after the legislation is enacted. It is expected that future Congressional action will follow through with this funding.

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

Description: 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, D.C., through the appropriate U.S. Department of Labor, Regional Office. The data will be used, primarily, for program management, including monitoring, oversight and the identification of technical assistance and training requirements. The data is also provided

to the congress through an annual Training and Employment Report of the Secretary of Labor. The information reported on ETA Form 8588, TJTC Verification Results, required by Public Law 97–248 (Attachment 3) will be reported annually to the Committee House Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

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