

This solicitation is for the third year of the 5-year grant program authorized by the Act.

Interested State and local governments should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Solicitation for the Forensic DNA Laboratory Improvement Program, Phase 3" (refer to document no. SL000238).

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Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Emergency Review; Comment Request

September 23, 1997.

The Department of Labor has submitted the following (see below) information collection request (ICR), utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506). OMB approval has been requested by October 3, 1997. A copy of the ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor Departmental Clearance Officer, Theresa M. O'Malley, at (202) 219-5095 ext. 143.

Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, ATTN: OMB Desk Officer for the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Indian and Native American Welfare-to-Work Programs.

Frequency: Annual (Plan submission).

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Total of Responses: 150.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 6 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 900.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$3,000,000.00 per year (program administrative costs).

Description: This ICR concerns the submission of applications and plans by Federally-recognized tribes and Alaska Native entities (or consortia thereof) eligible to receive funding under the Indian and Native American Welfare-to-Work (INA W2W) program. These instructions include a pre-application process for those tribes which do not operate a tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program or a Native Employment Works (NEW) program, as established by Public Law 104-193 (the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, commonly called the "Welfare Reform Act"). These non-TANF or NEW tribes must qualify as INA W2W grantees under the "substantial services" criteria established by the Department in accordance with the provisions of section 412(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001(c) of Public Law 105-33 (the Balanced Budget Act of 1997). Once determined to have met the "substantial services" criteria, applicants must submit a plan containing a Standard Form (SF) 424, the basic information on service area, plans for providing client services, preliminary funding and expenditure estimates, and standard assurances and forms common to most Federal funds recipients. This

emergency clearance is necessary to enable the Department to implement the INA W2W program as close to the legislatively-mandated beginning date of October 1, 1997 (Fiscal Year 1998) as possible, as authorized by Public Law 105-33. Also, quick implementation of the INA W2W program is desirable because many TANF recipients are reaching the exhaustion of their benefits, due to the time limits for receiving those benefits imposed by Public Law 104-193 (the "Welfare Reform Act").

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a pre-clearance 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 instrument for collection monitoring data for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

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 November 25, 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 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 of 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.

ADDRESSES: James Wiggins, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; Telephone (202) 219-7533 ext. 164 (this is not a toll-free number); internet address—wigginsj@doleta.gov; fax number (202) 219-7190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the Job Training Partnership Act Program, title IIB, the Department of Labor has established the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program to: (1) Enhance the basic education skills of youth; (2) encourage school completion or enrollment in supplementary or alternative school programs; provide eligible youth with exposure to the world of work; and (3) enhance the citizenship skills of youth. The Department of Labor is responsible for overseeing these programs. In order to carry out that responsibility, the Department has drafted a proposal to revise the current monitoring format and will continue using the current reporting instrument.

II. Current Actions

As result of obtaining input from employers and program operators and the convening of a workgroup to minimize reporting burdens, ETA will develop a new collection instrument to determine whether or not the GPRA goals are being achieved. This information will permit the Department to fulfill requests from the U.S. Congress, the Administration, the media and the public.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

Title: Summer Youth Employment and Training Program.

OMB Number: 1205-XXXX.

Recordkeeping: Retention for three years.

Affected Public: States.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: Summer reporting (Planning estimates, Mid-summer, Final) and regional monitoring.
Total Respondents: 56.

Frequency: Other (Before the start of the summer program—Planning estimates, Mid summer, End of Summer report and annual monitoring).

Total Responses: 56.

Average Time per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 448.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$6,720.

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: September 22, 1997.

Charles L. Atkinson,

Deputy Administrator, Office of Job Training Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of the "Construction Industry Benefits Test." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual 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 November 25, 1997. The Bureau of

Labor Statistics 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
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ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Employment Standards Administration (ESA) has determined that research should be conducted into alternative ways of collecting information for Davis-Bacon Act purposes. As a result, ESA's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) wishes to evaluate the usefulness of BLS data in the Davis-Bacon wage determination process.

The Davis-Bacon Act

The Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a) requires that workers employed on federal construction contracts valued in excess of \$2,000 be paid wages and fringe benefits that, at a minimum, have been determined by the Secretary of Labor to be prevailing for corresponding classes of workers employed on projects similar in character to the contract work in the area where the construction takes place. The prevailing wage is defined by Department of Labor regulations as the wage paid to more than 50 percent of the workers in the job classification on similar projects in the area during the period in question. If the majority of those employed in the classification are not paid the same wage, the prevailing wage is determined by calculating the average of the wages paid. In cases where the majority of workers in a classification are represented by a union