

In the event the \$5,000,000 is insufficient to meet the reported need, new or expanded contracts or annual funding agreements awarded after this fund has been exhausted will not be provided CSF during this fiscal year. Requests received after this fund has been exhausted will be considered first for funding in the following year, if such funds are appropriated.

The Indian Self-Determination Act (Public Law 93-638) defines the term Start-Up Cost (Section 106(a)(5)) as follows:

Subject to paragraph (6) of section 106, during the initial year of a self-determination contract, the amount required to be paid under paragraph (2) shall include startup costs which are reasonable and are incurred on a one-time only basis and are considered necessary to:

- (1) Plan, prepare for, and assume operation of the program, function, service, or activity that is the subject of the contract; and
- (2) Ensure compliance with the terms of the contract and prudent management.

For specific guidance, including examples of start-up costs, see the BIA website under Tribal Services/Self-Determination Services.

#### **Priority of Funding for New and Expanded Contracts/Annual Funding Agreements**

Contract support will be awarded from the ISD fund to all new and expanded contracts/annual funding agreements based on the start date of the award, and the application date, on a first-come, first-served basis. An Indian Self-Determination fund "applicant roster" shall be maintained, which lists, in order of priority, the name of the tribe or tribal organization, the title of the program, the start date, the application date, the amount of program funds, the program cost code(s), the amount of contract support funds required, and the date of approved indirect cost rate agreement or lump sum agreement.

Start date means the date or commencement of operation of the new or expanded portion of the contract or annual funding agreement by a tribe, consortium, or tribal organization. However, because the Self-Determination Act provides that contracts/annual funding agreements will be on a calendar year basis unless otherwise provided by the tribe, any start date on or prior to January 1 of each year shall be considered a January 1 start date.

The application date shall be the date of the request by the tribe which includes:

- (1) A tribal resolution requesting a contract or annual funding agreement;
- (2) A summary of the program or portion thereof to be operated by the tribe/consortium or tribal organization; and

(3) A summary identifying the source and amount of program or services funds to be contracted or included in an annual funding agreement and contract support requirements. In the event that two tribes or tribal organizations have the same start date and application date, then the next date for determination of priority shall be the date the fully complete application was received by the BIA.

If all of the above are equal, and if funds remaining in the ISD fund are not adequate to fill the entire amount of each award's contract support requirement, then each will be awarded a proportionate share of its requirement and shall remain on the Indian Self-Determination fund roster in appropriate order of priority for future distributions on a first-come, first-served basis, as such funds are appropriated.

A new contract or annual funding agreement is defined as the initial transfer of a program, previously operated by the BIA to the tribe/consortium or tribal organization.

An expanded contract or annual funding agreement is defined as a contract or annual funding agreement which has become enlarged during the current fiscal year through the assumption of additional programs previously operated by the BIA.

#### **Criteria for Determining CSF Need for Ongoing/Existing Contracts/Annual Funding Agreements**

CSF for ongoing and existing contracts and annual funding agreements will be determined using the following criteria:

- (1) All TPA contracted programs or those programs included in annual funding agreements in FY 2000 and continued in FY 2001, including contracted or annual funding agreement programs moved to TPA in FY 2001.
- (2) Direct program funding increases due to inflation adjustments and general budget increases.
- (3) TPA programs started or expanded in FY 2001 that are a result of a change in priorities from other already contracted/annual funding agreement programs.
- (4) CSF differentials associated with tribally-operated schools that receive indirect costs through the application of an administrative cost grant formula. These differentials are to be calculated in accordance with the criteria

prescribed in the Choctaw decision dated September 18, 1992, issued by the Contracting Officer, Eastern Regional Office. Copies of this decision can be obtained by calling the telephone number provided in this announcement.

(5) CSF will be distributed to the Office of Self-Governance for ongoing annual funding agreements, on the same basis as regional offices.

(6) Funds available for Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) programs or reprogrammed from ICWA to other programs will be considered ongoing for the purposes of payment of contract support costs.

(7) The use of CSF to pay prior year shortfalls is not authorized.

(8) Programs funded from sources other than those listed above which were awarded in FY 2000 and are to be awarded in FY 2001 shall be considered as ongoing programs.

Dated: March 12, 2001.

**James H. McDivitt,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).*

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## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[USITC SE-01-010]

### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** March 21, 2001 at 11 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

#### **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Agenda for future meeting: none.
  2. Minutes.
  3. Ratification List.
  4. Inv. Nos. 731-TA-868-869 (Final) (Steel Wire Rope from China and India)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determination and Commissioners' opinions to the Secretary of Commerce on March 30, 2001.)
  5. Inv. No. TA-204-4 (Wheat Gluten: Extension of Action)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit Commissioners' opinions to the President on April 2, 2001.)
  6. Outstanding action jackets: none.
- In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Issued: March 12, 2001.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 9, 2001.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Darrin King at (202) 693-4129 or E-Mail King-Darrin@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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 submission of responses.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement with change of currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

*Title:* Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of Strategic

5-Year State Plan and Plan Modifications for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Workforce Investment Systems) and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0398.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 59.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 59.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 25 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,475.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-220) provides the framework for a network of State workforce investment systems designed to meet the needs of the nation's businesses, job seekers, youth, and those who want to further their careers. Title I requires that States develop five-year strategic plan for this system. Modifications to these plans may be required under 20 CFR 652.212-214 and 20 CFR 661.230.

**Ira L. Mills,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Collection; ETA 218, Benefit Rights and Experience; 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 collection of the ETA 218, Benefits Rights and Experience.

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's section below on or before May 15, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Cynthia Ambler, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20210. Phone number: 202-693-3177. (This is not a toll free number.) E-mail: cambler@doleta.gov. Fax: 202-693-3229.

#### 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 classified by potential duration categories, and exhaustees classified by actual duration categories. This data is used by the National Office in solvency studies, cost estimating and modeling, and to assess State benefit formulas.

##### II. Review Focus

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 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.