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By order of the Commission.

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**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

Secretary to the Commission.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**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 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 for the Occupational Code Assignment (OCA) information.

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 at this Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/Performance/guidance/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before November 14, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Pam Frugoli, Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration, Mail Stop 5-4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Phone: (202) 693-3643 (This is not a toll-free number), Fax: (202) 693-3015, or e-mail: [frugoli.pam@dol.gov](mailto:frugoli.pam@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Occupational Code Assignment form was developed as a public service to the users of the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET), in an effort to help them in obtaining occupational codes and titles for jobs that they were unable to locate in O\*NET.

The O\*NET system classifies nearly all jobs in the United States economy. However, new specialties are constantly evolving and emerging. The use of the OCA is voluntary and is provided (1) as a uniform format to the public and private sector to submit information in order to receive assistance in identifying an occupational code, (2) to provide input to a database of alternative (lay) titles to facilitate searches for occupational information in the O\*NET OnLine (<http://online.onetcenter.org>), O\*NET Code Connector (<http://www.onetcodeconnector.org>), as well as America's Career InfoNet (<http://www.acinet.org>), and (3) to assist the O\*NET system in identifying potential occupations that may need to be included in future O\*NET data collection efforts.

The OCA process is designed to help the occupational information user relate an occupational specialty or a job title to an occupational code and title within the framework of the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) based O\*NET system. The O\*NET-SOC system consists of a database that organizes the work done by individuals into approximately 1,000 occupational categories. In addition, O\*NET occupations have associated data on the importance and level of a range of occupational characteristics and requirements, including Knowledge,

Skills, Abilities, Tasks, and Work Activities. Since the O\*NET-SOC system is based on the 2000 SOC system, identifying an O\*NET-SOC code and title also facilitates linkage to national, state, and local occupational employment and wage estimates.

**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.

**III. Current Actions**

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Occupational Code Assignment.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0137.

*Agency Form Number:* ETA 741.

*Affected Public:* Federal government, state and local government, business or other for-profit/not-for-profit institutions, and individuals.

*Total Respondents:* 11.

*Average Time per Request:* 30 minutes for the OCA Part A; and 40 minutes for the OCA Part A and the OCA Request for Additional Information combined.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 6.42.

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE ASSIGNMENT**

Section	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden
OCA-Part A .....	5.5	on occasion	5.5	½ hour .....	2.75 hrs.
OCA-Part A and OCA-Request for additional information ....	5.5	on occasion	5.5	.67 hour .....	3.67.
Totals .....	.....	.....	15	.....	6.42 hrs.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* 0.

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: August 28, 2006.

**Gay M. Gilbert,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### **Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Reporting and Performance Standards System for the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program Under Title I, Section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998**

**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 extension of the data collection for the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program, also known as the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP). 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 or at this Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/Performance/guidance/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before November 14, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Gay M. Gilbert, Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training

Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-3980 (this is not a toll-free number); fax: (202) 693-3981, e-mail [ETAPerforms@dol.gov](mailto:ETAPerforms@dol.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

Each grantee administering funds under the NFJP program is required to submit a program planning report (ETA Form 9094), a budget information summary report (ETA Form 9093), and a quarterly program status report (ETA Form 9095). This latter form contains information related to levels of participation and service, related assistance activities, and actual placements in employment. In addition, each grantee submits a quarterly file of individual records on all participants who exit the program, called the Workforce Investment Act Standardized Participant Record (WIASPR).

In 2001, under the President's Management Agenda, OMB and other Federal agencies developed a set of common measures to be applied to certain federally funded employment and training programs with similar strategic goals. As part of this initiative, ETA issued Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 28-04, Common Measures Policy. The value of implementing common measures is the ability to describe in a similar manner the core purposes of the workforce system—how many people found jobs; did they keep those jobs; and what were their earnings. Implementing a set of common measures can facilitate the integration of service delivery, reduce barriers to cooperation among programs, and enhance the ability to assess the effectiveness and impact of the workforce investment system, including the performance of the system in serving individuals facing significant barriers to employment.

The common measures are an integral part of ETA's performance accountability system, and ETA will continue to collect from grantees the data on program activities, participants, and outcomes that are necessary for program management and to convey full and accurate information on the performance of workforce programs to policymakers and stakeholders.

The extension to the NFJP reporting system identifies a minimum level of information collection that is necessary to comply with Equal Opportunity requirements, holds grantees appropriately accountable for the Federal funds they receive, assesses progress against a set of common performance measures, and allows the

Department to fulfill its oversight and management responsibilities.

The three adult common measures that apply to NFJP grantees are Entered Employment; Employment Retention; and Average Earnings. Grantees currently collect and submit the data necessary to report on these performance measures.

##### **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.

##### **III. Current Actions**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Reporting and Performance Standards System for the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) under Title I, Section 167, of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

*OMB Number:* 1205-0425.

*Recordkeeping:* Quarterly.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal governments; not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Respondents:* 53 States and grantees.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 70,562.

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

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

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.