

- 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.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-0017.  
*Affected Public:* State government.

	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
LAUS 3040 .....	7277	13	94601	1.5	141902
LAUS 8 .....	52	11	572	1	572
LAUS 15 .....	52	.12	6	2	12
LAUS 16 .....	52	1	52	1	52
Totals .....			95231		142538

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

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

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th day of August 2008.

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 Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection**

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501) the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) has forwarded an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a new information collection activity. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** On June 4, 2008 (**Federal Register**, Volume 73, Number 108, pages 31890-31891), MSPB sought public comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). MSPB received no comments. MSPB is submitting an ICR to OMB for review and approval

according to the procedure prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. Additional comments on this ICR should be submitted on or before October 3, 2008 to Brenda Aguilar at [baguilar@omb.eop.gov](mailto:baguilar@omb.eop.gov), or fax at (202)-395-6974.

**ADDRESSES:** You may also submit comments to Dr. Dee Ann Batten by mail: Office of Policy and Evaluation, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20419 or by e-mail: [deeann.batten@mspb.gov](mailto:deeann.batten@mspb.gov) (please put "Employee Survey" in the subject line of the message).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Dee Ann Batten by phone at (202) 653-6772, ext. 1411, or by e-mail to [deeann.batten@mspb.gov](mailto:deeann.batten@mspb.gov) (please put "Employee Survey" in the subject line of the message).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposed Project:* MSPB Survey on Federal Telework. The MSPB is asking for approval to collect information to support its study on Federal Telework. Federal employees will be asked to complete a survey(s) about their experiences with and perceptions of Telework and other related topics about their organizations and careers. This study is being conducted under MSPB's statutory authority to "conduct, from time to time, special studies relating to the civil service and to other merit systems in the executive branch, and report to the President and to the Congress as to whether the public interest in a civil service free of prohibited personnel practices is being adequately protected." (Section 1204 Title 5 U.S.C.) In addition, the Code of Federal Regulations also describes the role of MSPB's Office of Policy and Evaluation as responsible for carrying out "the Board's statutory responsibility to conduct special reviews and studies

of the civil service and other merit systems in the Executive Branch, as well as oversight reviews of the significant actions of the Office of Personnel Management."

**Burden Statement**

*Per respondent/participant:* The reporting burden for the collection of information on this request is estimated to vary from 15 minutes to 30 minutes, with an average of 20 minutes for each participant, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

*Respondents/participants/affected entities:* Participants will be selected via stratified random sampling to facilitate representative samples of employees (including supervisory employees).

*Estimated number of respondents:* We plan to survey up to 24,000 Federal employees.

*Frequency of response per participant:* One response per participant.

*Estimated total annual hour burden:* We estimate the response rate to be 60 percent (14,400 total responses) resulting in an annual reporting burden of 4800 hours (.33 hours x 14,400).

Dated: August 28, 2008.

**Timothy Korb,**

Acting Clerk of the Board.

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