

reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

*Title:* Budget information, financial reporting, and performance reporting forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0059.

*Summary:* State and Tribal reclamation and regulatory authorities are requested to provide specific budget and program information as part of the grant application and reporting processes authorized by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

*Bureau Form Numbers:* OSM-47, OSM-49 and OSM-51.

*Frequency of Collection:* Semi-annually and annually.

*Description of Respondents:* State and Tribal regulatory and reclamation authorities.

*Total Annual Responses:* 132.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 680 hours.

Dated: October 2, 2008.

**John A. Trelease,**

*Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Proposed Information Collection for Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Initiative Evaluation; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (the Department), 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 ETA is soliciting comments on a new data collection for the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Initiative Evaluation.

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 by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or December 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Employment and Training Administration, Room N-5641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Eileen Pederson, Telephone number: 202-693-3647 (this is not a toll-free number), Fax number: 202-693-2766. e-mail: [Pederson.eileen@dol.gov](mailto:Pederson.eileen@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In February 2006, under authority of Section 414 of the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998, the ETA awarded grants to 13 regions across the United States to support community efforts to link their varied knowledge resources with their business and innovation assets, to ensure that their workforces have the skill requirements and knowledge to work effectively in new and emerging industries. At the same time that these grants were awarded, ETA selected another 13 regions to receive \$100,000 to support their participation in peer-to-peer grantee conferences and other training opportunities. In early 2007, ETA increased the funds awarded to the second group of regions, at which time they became known as the Generation II regions. Finally, in June 2007, ETA awarded grants to 13 more regions, known as the Generation III regions.

The WIRED Initiative focuses on labor market areas that are comprised of multiple jurisdictions within states or across state borders. It supports innovative approaches for workforce development, training and education that go beyond traditional strategies for preparing workers to compete and succeed both within the United States and globally. Through the initiative, WIRED regions have a unique opportunity to design and implement strategic approaches for coordinating regional economic development, job growth and talent development. For the grant awards, ETA selected regions that demonstrated the presence of labor market elements (unemployment, low-wages, low levels of new job creation) and economic conditions (such as industries that are declining or industries targeted for growth) that drive the need for transformation. In addition, each grant recipient described how the

region will: Implement new strategic efforts designed to integrate workforce, economic development and education systems; promote innovation in addressing challenges; and utilize and build upon existing structures, resources, and legislatively-funded programs. Finally, each region outlined the presence of a strategic partnership that is representative of the entire economic region and is comprised of a strong team of leaders which will lead the regional transformation.

This data collection covers qualitative information to be obtained through a survey of key partners and stakeholders in these regional transformation efforts. The WIRED survey will gather information about the nature of regional leaders and their organizations' roles and relationships in the evolving collaborative partnerships. It will provide information about their efforts to achieve regional transformation of workforce development, economic development and related education systems during the period of the Initiative.

The second administration of the survey, approximately six months after Federal funding of the initiative ends, will be to collect information about the sustainability of efforts to work collaboratively to achieve regional transformation, to reveal whether these substantial investments successfully inspired continued efforts to promote integration of regional systems to further talent development.

Subsequent to awarding the Generation I grants in early 2006, the ETA has expended considerable effort to promote the importance of collaboration for guiding future talent development, and to encourage creative efforts to initiate and bring new partners into networks created to transform a region, including partners who do not receive direct funding through the WIRED collaborative. Thus, it is anticipated that Generations II and III regional efforts may be affecting entities that are not directly involved in the federally-funded transformation efforts, spearheaded by this initiative. In addition, ETA substantially reduced the amount of funding for Generations II and III, thereby leading many of these regions to partner with entities which also have a vested interest in achieving the long-term regional economic success and stability. A pre-WIRED survey, the screener survey, will first be administered in the Generation II and III regions in order to gather information about how widely disbursed the ongoing efforts are to transform these regions' economic, education and workforce development systems,

including those which receive direct funding and those who do not receive direct funding, but which benefit from the initiative's increased collaboration for regional growth. The screener survey will be administered to a wide range of regional leaders to identify the range of organizations involved in regional transformation. In doing so, it will identify the key individuals and organizations that support the transformative efforts, and who will then be administered the WIRED survey.

**II. Review Focus**

The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance and 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:* New.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Initiative Evaluation.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0NEW.

*Recordkeeping:* NA.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit; and not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Responses:* Approximately 4,160 for the screener survey and 7,800 for the WIRED survey. Both surveys will be administered twice.

Survey type	Number of respondents	Per survey administration
Screener Survey (for Generations II and III) .....	4,160	2,080
WIRED Survey (for Generations I, II, and III) .....	7,800	3,900

*Frequency:* As noted, each survey will be administered two times. The first screener survey will be administered while the Generation II and III grants are

operating, in early 2009. The second administration of the screener survey to the Generation II and III regions will be approximately six months after the

grants expire, in 2011. The WIRED survey will also be administered two times, in 2009 and again in 2011.

Year	Group of regions	Number of respondents	Average time per response (in minutes)	Annual burden (in hours)
2009 .....	Gen. II .....	1,040	5	173
	Gen. III .....	1,040	5	
2011 .....	Gen. II .....	1,040	5	173
	Gen. III .....	1,040	5	
Two-Year Total .....	.....	4,160	.....	346

Year	Group of regions	Number of respondents	Average time per response (in minutes)	Annual burden (in hours)
2009 .....	Gen. I .....	1,300	30	1,950
	Gen. II .....	1,300	30	
	Gen. III .....	1,300	30	
2011 .....	Gen. I .....	1,300	30	1,950
	Gen. II .....	1,300	30	
	Gen. III .....	1,300	30	
Two-Year Total .....	.....	7,800	.....	3,900

*Total Annual Responses:* An average of approximately 2,080 for the screener survey and 3,900 for the WIRED survey.

*Average Time per Response:* Five (5) minutes for the screener survey and

thirty (30) minutes for the WIRED survey.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* The total annual burden hours is estimated to be 346 hours for the screener survey and 3,900 hours for the WIRED survey.

*Total Burden Cost:* The total burden cost, based on an annual average salary of \$75,000 per respondent, is estimated to be \$12,528 for the screener survey and \$140,400 for the WIRED survey, per the following tables.

Screener survey

Year	Group of regions	Annual burden (in hours)	Average cost per hour	Annual burden cost
2009	Generation II	87	\$36	\$6,264
	Generation III	87	36	
2011	Generation II	87	36	6,264
	Generation III	87	36	
Total		348		12,528

WIRED survey

Year	Group of regions	Annual burden (in hours)	Average cost per hour	Annual burden cost
2009	Generation I	650	\$36	\$70,200
	Generation II	650	36	
	Generation III	650	36	
2011	Generation I	650	36	70,200
	Generation II	650	36	
	Generation III	650	36	
Total		3,900		140,400

Comments submitted in response to this 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: October 2, 2008.

**Douglas F. Small,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.*

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**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting of the Board of Directors Finance Committee**

**TIMES AND DATES:** The Finance Committee of the Legal Services Corporation's Board of Directors will meet at 11 a.m. Eastern Time, on October 14, 2008.

**LOCATION:** Legal Services Corporation Headquarters, 3rd Floor Conference Center, 3333 K Street, NW., Washington, DC.

**PUBLIC OBSERVATION BY TELEPHONE:** Members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting live may do so by following the telephone call-in directions provided below. You are asked to keep your telephone muted in order to eliminate background noises. Comments from the public may be solicited from time-to-time by the Committee's Chairman.

**Call-In Directions**

- Call toll-free number 1-800-988-9769;

- When prompted, enter the following numeric pass code: 13523;
- When connected to the call, please "mute" your telephone immediately. You may do so by dialing "\*6."

**STATUS OF MEETING:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Agenda**

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Presentation on FY 2009 Budget Calculation error.
  - Presentation by David Richardson
  - Comments by Charles Jeffress
3. Presentation on Management's Recommendation for LSC's FY 2010 Budget Request to Congress.
  - Presentation by Charles Jeffress
  - Comments by John Constance
4. Public Comment.
  - Robert Stein, on behalf of SCLAID
  - Don Saunders, on behalf of NLADA
  - Other
5. Consider and act on recommending to the Board Resolution # 2008-014, *A Resolution Adopting LSC's FY 2010 Budget Request to Congress.*
6. Consider and act on other business.
7. Consider and act on adjournment of meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:**

Patricia D. Batie, Manager of Board Operations, at (202) 295-1500.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Patricia D. Batie, at (202) 295-1500.

Dated: October 7, 2008.

**Victor M. Fortuno,**

*Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary.*

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (08-074)]

**Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing.

**SUMMARY:** A patent application on the invention listed below assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and is available for licensing.

**DATES:** October 9, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randy Heald, Patent Counsel, Kennedy Space Center, Mail Code CC-A, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899; telephone (321) 867-7214; fax (321) 867-1817.

*NASA Case No. KSC-12909: Repair Procedure Development System.*

Dated: October 3, 2008.

**Michael C. Wholley,**

*General Counsel.*

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