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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment

**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) [44U.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 new collection of the Lifelong Learning Demonstration Follow-Up Survey. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the Addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 1, 1997.

The Employment and Training Administration is particularly interested in comments which: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Jon Messenger, Office of Policy and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5631, Washington, D.C. 20210—(202) 219-8680, Extension 113 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is conducting a pilot project, the Lifelong Learning Demonstration, to encourage investment in education and training by currently employed workers. This pilot project addresses demands created by increasingly volatile global labor markets, in which workers must move with greater frequency to new jobs and new careers that require more knowledge and job-related skills. The project will make it easier for currently employed adults with substantial work experience to explore new career directions, plan for potential skill needs, and take action to pursue the education and training that will help them prosper in an increasingly competitive global labor market.

A public information campaign undertaken by DOL with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) targeted currently-employed adults with substantial work experience as a group likely to benefit from more information on its education and career options. The project will examine whether comprehensive information on educational opportunities—plus the availability of affordable financing through new and expanded Federal financial aid programs—prompts incumbent workers to seek additional education to upgrade their job-related skills and improve their careers. The promotion of post-secondary education and student financial aid is thus a means of increasing the skills and improving the labor market outcomes of these workers.

The Lifelong Learning Demonstration provided targeted workers with comprehensive information about post-secondary education and training opportunities, and streamlined referrals of interested workers to participating educational institutions. This demonstration project is a controlled experiment, with random assignment of adult workers to a treatment group that received brochures promoting education and training and offering further information about local schools and opportunities for student financial aid, and a control group that does not receive this information. Public information campaigns aimed at

targeted workers were conducted in the Greater Baltimore, Maryland, area in the summer and fall of 1996.

The Lifelong Learning Demonstration Follow-Up Survey will be a telephone survey of 5,000 individuals in the Greater Baltimore area (2,500 treatment group members and 2,500 control group members). With an estimated 80 percent response rate, 4,000 individuals will complete the survey. Those individuals who have recently obtained additional schooling will be over sampled to allow more detailed analysis of their experiences.

The first objective of the proposed survey is to determine the impact of the Lifelong Learning Demonstration on sample group members. Questions in the survey ask about the respondent's education, employment experiences, and use of student financial aid since June 1996, the start of the demonstration in Baltimore. Background questions on the person's age, gender, race/ethnicity, household composition, and pre-demonstration level of education and use of student financial aid are also asked so that the impacts can be separately determined for various subgroups.

The second objective of the survey is to collect information needed for a cost-benefit analysis of the demonstration. Questions ask about the respondent's earnings and income including benefits from government programs. For respondents who participated in education or training programs since the start of the demonstration, the survey also contains questions on the costs of schooling, sources of funds for schooling, and time spent doing course work outside of class.

The third objective of the survey is to learn about financial and non-financial barriers for adult workers in getting additional education and training to inform any future public information campaigns and for other ETA and ED programs affecting the education and training of adults in the U.S. work force. Questions ask about the value of additional education and training for the respondent, and the financial and non-financial barriers people who have enrolled or applied to school have encountered, as well as barriers other adults think they will encounter if they decided to participate in education or training programs.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Lifelong Learning Demonstration Follow-Up Survey.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Total Respondents:* 4,000.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Total Responses:*  
*Average Time per Response:* 35 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,333 hours.

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

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

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 23rd day of September 1997.

**Gerard F. Fiala,**

*Administrator, Office of Policy and Research, Employment and Training Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Job Training Partnership Act; Native American Employment and Training Council; Notice of Open Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, and Section 401(h)(1) of the Job Training Partnership Act, as amended (29 U.S.C. 1671(h)(1)), notice is hereby given of an open meeting of the Native American Employment and Training Council.

*Time and Date:* The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 1997, and continue until approximately 5:00 p.m.; and will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on October 24, 1997, and adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. From 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 23 will be reserved for participation and presentations by members of the public. Interested persons may send comments, views, statements or data for consideration by the Council, preferably with twenty copies to: Mr. Thomas M. Dowd, at the address presented below.

*Place:* U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C., Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-3437 A-D.

*Status:* The meeting will be open to the public.

*Matters To Be Considered:* The agenda will focus on the following topics: (1) Welfare-to-Work; (2) New Performance Measures; (3) Evaluation progress of the Section 401 program; (4) Partnership update; and (5) One Stop Shops.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

*CONTACT:* Mr. Thomas M. Dowd, Chief, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-

4641, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-8502 (this is not a toll-free number).

Persons with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should call Mr. Dowd before October 16, 1997.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of Sept., 1997.

**Raymond J. Uhalde,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01881]

#### Fruit of the Loom; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

Martin Mills, Inc., D/B/A St. Martinville Mills, Including Former Employees of Jeanerette Mills, St. Martinville, Louisiana NAFTA-01881A, Abbeville Mills, Division of Martin Mills, Inc., Including Former Employees of Jeanerette Mills, Abbeville, Louisiana

and

NAFTA-01881B, Port Barre Mills, Division of Martin Mills, Inc., Including Former Employees of Jeanerette Mills, Port Barre, Louisiana

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on August 29, 1997, applicable to workers of Fruit of the Loom, Martin Mills, Inc., located in St. Martinville, Abbeville, and Port Barre, Louisiana. The notice will soon be published in the **Federal Register**.

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in employment related to the production of T-shirts, briefs, boxers and layette. Findings on review show that some of the workers at the subject firm locations in Louisiana have had their wages reported to the separate Unemployment Insurance tax account for Jeanerette Mills, a subsidiary of Fruit of the Loom. Other new findings show that Martin Mills, Inc., in St. Martinville, Louisiana is doing business as St. Martinville Mills. Based on this new information, the Department is amending the certification to reflect these matters.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-01881 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Fruit of the Loom, Martin Mills, Inc., doing business as St. Martinville Mills, including former employees of Jeanerette Mills, St. Martinville, Louisiana (NAFTA-01881), Abbeville Mills, Division of Martin Mills, Inc., including former employees of Jeanerette Mills, Abbeville, Louisiana (NAFTA-01881A), and Port Barre Mills, Division of Martin Mills Inc., including former employees of Jeanerette Mills, Port Barre, Louisiana (NAFTA-01881B), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 14, 1996, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 14th day of September 1997.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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### Employment and Training Administration

#### Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

NAFTA-01068; Hickory Hills Industries, Incorporated; Savannah Manufacturing Company, Savannah, Tennessee; NAFTA-01068C; Hickory Hills Industries, Incorporated, New York, New York

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on July 22, 1996, applicable to all workers of Hickory Hills Industries, Incorporated, Savannah Manufacturing Company, Savannah, Tennessee. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 1996 (61 FR 40853).

At the request of a petitioner, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations occurred at Hickory Hills Industries, Incorporated, New York, New York when it closed in October, 1996. The workers at New York, New York location provided sales office functions and designing to support production of children's sportswear at Savannah Manufacturing. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers at the Hickory Hills Industries, Incorporated, New York, New York.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Hickory Industries, Incorporated