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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 11th day of March 1999.

**Carl J. Poleskey,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### 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 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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "Current Population Survey (CPS)." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 19, 1999.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The CPS has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployment for nearly 60 years. The labor force information gathered through the survey is of paramount importance in keeping track of the economic health of the Nation. The survey is the only source of data on total employment and unemployment, with the monthly unemployment rate obtained through this survey being regarded as one of the most important economic indicators. Moreover, the survey also yields data on the basic status and characteristics of persons not in the labor force. The CPS data are used monthly, in conjunction with data from other sources, to analyze the extent to which the various components of the American population are participating in the economic life of the Nation and with what success.

The labor force data gathered through the CPS are provided to users in the greatest detail possible, consistent with the demographic information obtained in the survey. In brief, the labor force data can be broken down by sex, age, race and ethnic origin, marital status, family composition, educational level, and various other characteristics. Through such breakdowns, one can focus on the employment situation of specific population groups as well as on the general trends in employment and unemployment. Information of this type can be obtained only through demographically-oriented surveys such as the CPS.

The basic CPS data also are used as an important platform to base the data derived from the various supplemental questions that are administered in conjunction with the survey. By coupling the basic data from the monthly survey with the special data from the supplements, one can get valuable insights on the behavior of American workers and on the social and economic health of their families.

There is wide interest in the monthly CPS data among Government

policymakers, legislators, outside economists, the media, and the general public. While the data from the CPS are used in conjunction with data from other surveys in assessing the economic health of the Nation, they are unique in various ways. They provide a measurement of total employment, including farm work, self-employment and unpaid family work, while the other surveys are generally restricted to the nonagricultural wage and salary sector. The CPS provides data on all jobseekers, and on all persons outside the labor force, while payroll-based surveys cannot, by definition, cover these sectors of the population. Finally, the CPS data on employment, unemployment, and on persons not in the labor force can be linked to the demographic characteristics of the many groups which make up the Nation's population, while the data from other surveys are usually devoid of demographic information.

## II. Current Actions

There have been no changes since the last submission.

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

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Current Population Survey (CPS).

*OMB Number:* 1220-0100.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Respondents:* 48,000 per month.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Total Responses:* 576,000.

*Average Time Per Response:* 7 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 67,200 hours.

*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, D.C., this 16th day of March 1999.

**Karen A. Krein,**

*Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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**ACTION:** Notice of information collection.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces an Information Collection Request (ICR) by the NIFL. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 19, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, Attention: Sondra Stein. Copies of the complete ICR and accompanying appendixes may be obtained from the above address or by contacting Sondra Stein at (202) 632-1508. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: [sstein@nifl.gov](mailto:sstein@nifl.gov).

All written comments will be available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Title

EFF Field-based Center(s) for Training, Technical Assistance and Materials Development

#### Abstract

The National Institute For Literacy (NIFL) was created by the National Literacy Act of 1991 to provide a national focal point for literacy activities and to facilitate the pooling of ideas and expertise across a fragmented field. NIFL is authorized to carry out a wide range of activities that will improve and expand the system for delivery of adult literacy services nationwide.

For the past four years, the NIFL has been working with a range of partners in states across the country to develop a customer-driven, standards-based, collaborative approach to adult literacy system reform. The Equipped for the Future (EFF) standards that have been developed through this effort define the critical skills and knowledge that enable adults to effectively carry out their responsibilities as workers, parents and family members, and citizens and community members. The standards have been developed and refined with the assistance of a broad cross section of literacy and basic skills programs, as well as with the advice and guidance of key stakeholders in the workforce development, family literacy, and civic participation movements in this country. By September of 1999 NIFL will have completed the major development work on the standards and will release a Users Guide designed to

introduce key constituencies to the Standards and how they can be used for teaching and learning, program improvement, accountability, and system reform.

The EFF Field-based Center(s) for Training, Technical Assistance and Materials Development will work collaboratively and with National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) to assure the effective integration of EFF into on-going adult education, family literacy, welfare-to-work, skill standards voluntary partnerships, and other workforce development systems.

*Burden Statement:* The burden for this collection of information is estimated at 80 hours per response for the first year. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, complete the form, and review the collection of information. No more than three applicants will be awarded a three-year cooperative agreement grant. Each awardee will have an annual update of the application requiring an average of 40 hours per response for each continuation year.

*Respondents:* State, regional and national organizations, or consortia of such organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 80 hours.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: Sondra Stein, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Ave., NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

*Request for Comments:* NIFL solicits comments to: (i) 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. (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information. (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Literacy.