

Following review in draft form by the project coordinator, the summary report must be professionally edited and submitted in camera-ready hard copy and 3.5" computer disk or zip drive disk using WordPerfect 7.0 or higher software for use with IBM compatible computers with Windows operating systems.

It will be the responsibility of the award recipient to secure written approval to use any copyrighted materials or photographs and to provide the original approval with the documents.

Authority: Public Law 93-415.

Funds Available: The award will be limited to a maximum of \$79,600 (direct and indirect costs) and project activity must be completed within 9 months of the date of award. Funds may not be used for construction, or to acquire or build real property. This project will be a collaborative venture with the NIC Prisons Division.

Application Requirements: Applicants are required to submit a proposal that specifically defines their plan for meeting the goals and objectives of this project. The proposal must: provide a detailed plan that describes the methodology to be used in pursuing the project goals, including a timetable for accomplishment of objectives and criteria for selection of work group participants; demonstrate a knowledge of current workforce issues in the public and private sectors, including an awareness of agencies or organizations that have implemented innovative workforce strategies; and identify project staff who have made a commitment of time to this project and the specific skills they possess that will support the endeavors of the project. The conceptual framework of the proposal must demonstrate the applicants understanding of the nature of government employment practices and specifically, those that pertain to the correctional workforce.

Funding for this project has been established at \$79,600. The applicant must provide a budget and budget narrative that clearly identifies the allocation of funds for achievement of the goals of the cooperative agreement. The rationale for the expenditures must be provided in the budget narrative unless patently obvious in the proposal.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications: Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m., EDT, on Friday, June 30, 2000. They should be addressed to: Director, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Room 5007, Washington, DC 20534. Hand delivered applications should be brought to 500

First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20534. The front desk will call Bobbi Tinsley at (202) 307-3106, extension 0 for pickup.

Addresses and Further Information: Requests for the application kit, should be directed to Judy Evens, Cooperative Agreement Control Office, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, N.W., Room 5007, Washington, D.C. 20534 or by calling 800-995-6423, ext. 159, 202-307-3106, ext. 159, or email: jevens@bop.gov. A copy of this announcement and application forms may also be obtained through the NIC web site: <http://www.nicic.org> (click on "What's New" and "Cooperative Agreements"). All technical and/or programmatic questions concerning this announcement should be directed to BeLinda Watson Barney at the above address or by calling 800-995-6423 or 202-307-1300, ext. 152, or by E-mail via bbarney@bop.gov.

Project Completion: The award recipient will be responsible to submit all required reports and corrections or revisions of materials in a timely manner. The project period is 9 months from the date of the award and the project will not be deemed to have been completed until a final draft is accepted by the project coordinator.

Eligible Applicants: An eligible applicant is any state or general unit of local government, public or private, educational institution, organization, team, or individual with the requisite skills to successfully meet the outcome objectives of the project.

Review Considerations: Applications received under this announcement will be subjected to an NIC 3 to 5 member Peer Review Process. It is anticipated that the award will be made within 60-90 days following the application due date.

Number of Awards: One (1).

NIC Application Number: 00P06 This number should appear as a reference line in your cover letter and also in box 11 of Standard Form 424.

Executive Order 12372: This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372. Executive Order 12372 allows States the option of setting up a system for reviewing applications from within their States for assistance under certain Federal programs. Applicants (other than Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC), a list of which is included in the application kit, along with further instructions on proposed projects serving more than one State.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 16.603.

Dated: May 25, 2000.

Morris L. Thigpen,

Director, National Institute of Corrections.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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 revision the information collection of the GPRA-Complaint Program Performance and Participant Outcomes Data System (OMB Control No. 1205-0392), now titled the Trade Act Participant Report.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Curtis K. Kooser, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone 202-219-4845, ext. 111 (this is not a toll-free number), FAX 202-219-5753, e-mail ckooser@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On June 16, 1998, the Office of Management and Budget approved a GPRA-complaint performance and participant outcomes data system for the

Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance (DTAA); this system is now known as the Trade Act Participant Report (TAPR). States implemented the TAPR beginning with the first quarter of fiscal year 1999 (October through December, 1998), and have continued to collect and report data every quarter since then.

Because both Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) serve adult dislocated workers, the TAPR was modeled on the Standardized Program Information Report (SPIR) system used by the JTPA programs. The passage of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), which replaced JTPA, made substantial changes in Federal employment and training programs, including changes in the way participant data are defined, gathered, and reported.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed revision of information collection 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

In order to maintain coordination and continuity with the dislocated worker program under Title One of WIA, and to make other improvements, DTAA is proposing revisions to the TAPR that make it substantially the same as the system to be used by the WIA programs. The major changes are the following:

1. The definitions of Race and Ethnicity are now compliant with the most recent OMB definitions.
2. Date for defining and judging outcomes for participants are now based upon Wage Record data rather than surveys of individuals program exiters. It is estimated that this will

substantially reduce the reporting burden on the States.

3. Minor revisions in the sequence and definitions of some of the TAPR fields have been made in order to increase the degree of continuity with the new system to be used by the dislocated workers program under WIA Title I.

4. The format for reporting dates has been changed from MMDDYYYY to YYYYMMDD to conform with the new WIA-Based system.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Trade Act Participant Report (TAPR).

OMB Number: 1205-0392.

Affected Public: State governments.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 200 (50 per quarter).

Average Time per Response: 40 hours per quarter.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 8,000.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$120,000.

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: May 25, 2000.

Edward A. Tomchick.

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0108(2000)]

Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Standard (29 CFR 1910.1047); Extension of the Office of Management of Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information-Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

ACTION: Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning the extension of the information-collection requirements contained in the Ethylene Oxide Standard (the "EtO Standard") (29 CFR 1910.1047).

Request For Comment

The Agency has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;

- The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information-collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0108(2000), Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd R. Owen, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC; telephone: (202) 693-2444. A copy of the Agency's Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information-collection requirements in the EtO Standard is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or you may request a mailed copy by telephoning Todd R. Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR on the EtO Standard, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

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