

determining how to administer the RESEA program. A third State recommended providing States that are pursuing program automation with additional program administration resources. Because none of these comments are related to the proposed formula allocation methodology, ETA made no changes to the proposed formula allocation.

IV. Description of Base Allocation Formula

The final base allocation formula has been modified in response to the public comments. The new formula uses two primary input variables: The IUR and the CLF. Under this formula, each State's average IUR for the 12 months ending June 30 will be divided by the national average IUR. The two resulting ratios will be multiplied together, producing a combined IUR–CLF weighting factor. A State's allotment of the available RESEA funding will reflect the proportion of its State-specific combined weighting factor compared to the sum of all States combined weighting factors. Use of the IUR ensures that States with high IURs, and hence greater unemployment, receive a higher proportion of RESEA funds. Use of the CLF as a factor controls for State size.

V. Description of the Hold-Harmless Provision

The statutory language requires the Secretary to consider the importance of avoiding sharp reductions in grant funding to a state over time. 42 U.S.C. § 506(f)(1)(A). To satisfy this requirement, DOL will incorporate a phased hold-harmless provision as follows:

(1) In FY 2021, each State will receive no less than an amount equal to at least 97 percent of its FY 2020 maximum grant award;

(2) In FY 2022, each State will receive no less than an amount equal to at least 96 percent of its FY 2021 allotment;

(3) In FY 2023 and subsequent years, each State will receive no less than an amount equal to at least 95 percent of its previous year's allotment.

VI. Minimum Funding Provisions

No State will receive an amount equal to less than 0.28 percent of the total available funding for FY2021 RESEA's base funding level. This approach mirrors the minimum funding provisions in the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49e) and acknowledges that all States have certain fixed costs to administer the program.

VII. Carry-Over Threshold

If a State has a balance of up to 30 percent of its previous year's award, the

State may carry that amount over from one year to the next. However, a State agency carrying over an amount in excess of 30 percent will have any amount in excess of the 30 percent reduced from its subsequent year's allocation, and the resulting additional resources will be included in the distribution to States that are under the 30 percent threshold. This provision is intended to ensure States are using the majority of funds to provide reemployment services to claimants in the year for which it is allocated and provide States with flexibility to support costs and activities that may span across years.

VIII. Conclusion

The RESEA funding formula articulated in this notice will be utilized beginning in FY 2021. It is ETA's intent to provide States with funding planning targets annually in advance of the actual guidance and allocation.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Information Advisory Council

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Renewal of the Workforce Information Advisory Council

Authority: Pursuant to the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 49 *et seq.*; Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113–128; Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department) announces the renewal of the Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC) charter.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Authority

Section 15 of the Wagner-Peyser Act, 29 U.S.C. 49l–2, as amended by section 308 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), Public Law 113–128 requires the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to establish and maintain the WIAC.

The statute, as amended, requires the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Labor Statistics and

the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, to formally consult at least twice annually with the WIAC to address: (1) Evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system established by the Wagner-Peyser Act, and of the statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system, and (2) how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems. The Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), and in consultation with the WIAC and appropriate Federal agencies, must also develop a 2-year plan for management of the system, with subsequent updates every two years thereafter. The statute generally prescribes how the plan is to be developed and implemented, outlines the contents of the plan, and requires the Secretary to submit the plan to designated authorizing committees in the House and Senate.

By law, the Secretary must “seek, review, and evaluate” recommendations from the WIAC, and respond to the recommendations in writing to the WIAC. The WIAC must make written recommendations to the Secretary on the evaluation and improvement of the workforce and labor market information system, including recommendations for the 2-year plan. The 2-year plan, in turn, must describe WIAC recommendations and the extent to which the plan incorporates them.

The WIAC accomplishes its objectives by, for example: (1) Studying workforce and labor market information issues; (2) seeking and sharing information on innovative approaches, new technologies, and data to inform employment, skills training, and workforce and economic development decision making and policy; and (3) advising the Secretary on how the workforce and labor market information system can best support workforce development, planning, and program development.

II. Structure

The Wagner-Peyser Act at section 15(d)(2)(B), requires the WIAC to have 14 representative members, appointed by the Secretary, consisting of:

(i) Four members who are representatives of lead State agencies with responsibility for workforce investment activities, or State agencies described in Wagner-Peyser Act Section 4 (agency designated or authorized by Governor to cooperate with the Secretary), who have been nominated by such agencies or by a national

organization that represents such agencies;

(ii) Four members who are representatives of the State workforce and labor market information directors affiliated with the State agencies responsible for the management and oversight of the workforce and labor market information system as described in Wagner-Peyser Act Section 15(e)(2), who have been nominated by the directors;

(iii) One member who is a representative of providers of training services under WIOA section 122 (Identification of Eligible Providers of Training Services);

(iv) One member who is a representative of economic development entities;

(v) One member who is a representative of businesses, who has been nominated by national business organizations or trade associations;

(vi) One member who is a representative of labor organizations, who has been nominated by a national labor federation;

(vii) One member who is a representative of local workforce development boards, who has been nominated by a national organization representing such boards; and

(viii) One member who is a representative of research entities that use workforce and labor market information.

The Secretary must ensure that the membership of the WIAC is geographically diverse, and that no two members appointed under clauses (i), (ii), and (vii), above, represent the same State. Each member will be appointed for a term of three years and the Secretary will not appoint a member for any more than two consecutive terms. Any member whom the Secretary appoints to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the predecessor's term will be appointed only for the remainder of that term. Members of the WIAC will serve on a voluntary and generally uncompensated basis, but will be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend WIAC meetings, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by the Federal travel regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Multiple Worksite Report and the Report of Federal Employment and Wages

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “Multiple Worksite Report and the Report of Federal Employment and Wages,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before September 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the *RegInfo.gov* website at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201903-1220-003 (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Frederick Licari by telephone at 202–693–8073, TTY 202–693–8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL–BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202–395–5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor–OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301,

200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Multiple Worksite Report and the Report of Federal Employment and Wages information collection. States use the Multiple Worksite Report to collect employment and wages data from non-Federal businesses engaged in multiple operations within a State and subject to State Unemployment Insurance laws. The Report of Federal Employment and Wages is designed for Federal establishments covered under the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees program. These data are used for sampling, benchmarking, and economic analysis. BLS Authorizing Statute sections 1 and 2 and Social Security Act section 303 authorize this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 1 and 2, and 42 U.S.C. 503.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB under the PRA approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1220–0134.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2019. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on March, 21, 2019 (84 FR 10550).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at