

**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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "American Time Use Survey (ATUS)." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the Addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before May 31, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number (202) 691-5118. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number (202) 691-5118. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

According to economist William Nordhaus, "Inadequate data on time use is the single most important gap in federal statistics" (1997). Approximately 50 other countries collect, or will soon collect, time-use data. Such data are considered important indicators of quality of life. They measure, for example, time spent with children, working, sleeping, or doing leisure activities. In the United States, several existing Federal surveys collect income and wage data for individuals and families, and analysts often use such

measures of material prosperity as proxies for quality of life. Time-use data substantially augment these quality-of-life measures. The data also can be used in conjunction with wage data to evaluate the contribution of non-market work to national economies. This enables comparisons of production between nations that have different mixes of market and non-market activities.

The ATUS develops nationally representative estimates of how people spend their time. Respondents also report who was with them during activities, where they were, how long each activity lasted, and if they were paid.

All of this information has numerous practical applications for sociologists, economists, educators, government policymakers, businesspersons, lawyers, and others, potentially answering the following questions:

- Do the ways people use their time vary across demographic and labor force characteristics, such as age, sex, race, ethnicity, employment status, earnings, and education?
- How much time do parents spend in the company of their children, either actively providing care or being with them while socializing, relaxing, or doing other things?
- How are earnings related to leisure time—do those with higher earnings spend more or less time relaxing and socializing?
- Where do people work—at a workplace, in their homes, or someplace else?
- For application in personal injury or wrongful death cases, how much non-market work, such as child care or housework, is done by members of selected demographic groups? This input helps lawyers to approximate a value of such work in these cases.

The ATUS data are collected on an ongoing, monthly basis, so time series data will eventually become available, allowing analysts to identify changes in how people spend their time.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the revision of the American Time Use Survey. This survey collects information on how individuals in the United States use their time. Collection is done on a continuous basis with the sample drawn monthly. The survey sample is drawn from households completing their final month of interviews for the Current Population Survey (CPS). Households are selected to ensure a representative demographic sample, and one individual from each household is

selected to take part in one Computer Assisted Telephone Interview. The interview asks respondents to report all of their activities for one pre-assigned 24-hour day, the day prior to the interview. A short series of summary questions and CPS updates follows the core time diary collection.

Beginning in October 2005, after the summary questions and CPS updates, a few questions sponsored by the Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be asked. These questions will be included in the survey for up to 27 months (through December 2007). An evaluation of question performance will be done during the first year to determine the full fielding period. These questions will measure time respondents spent doing "secondary eating" (eating while doing something else). They also will measure respondent height and weight in order to enable the computation of respondent body mass index (BMI). In addition, there will be questions about household grocery shopping and food preparation, participation in school meal programs for household children, and eligibility for food stamp benefits. After each full year of collection, annual national estimates of time use for an average weekday or weekend day will be available.

Because the ATUS sample is a subset of households completing interviews for the CPS, the same demographic information collected from that survey is available for the ATUS respondents. Comparisons of activity patterns, including secondary eating, and answers from other USDA-sponsored questions across characteristics such as sex, race, age, and education of the respondent, as well as the presence of children and the number of adults living in the respondent's household, are possible.

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

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* American Time Use Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0175.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Total Respondents:* 13,920.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Total Responses:* 13,920.

*Average Time Per Response:* 24 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 5,568 hours.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

### III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of this information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those asked 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.

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 in Washington, DC, this 21st day of March, 2005.

**Cathy Kazanowski,**

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Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Attestations by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities at Locations in the State of Alaska

**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, Office of National Programs, Division of Foreign Labor Certification, is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to the collection of information on the Attestation by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities at Locations in the State of Alaska. 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 May 31, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments and questions regarding the collection of information on Form ETA 9033, Attestations by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities at Locations in the State of Alaska, should be directed to William L. Carlson, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certification, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4318, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-3010 (this is not a toll-free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

The information collection is required due to amendments to Section 258 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*) The amendments created a prevailing practice exception to the general prohibition on the performance of longshore work by alien crewmembers at locations in the State of Alaska. Under the prevailing practice exception, before any employer may use alien crewmembers to perform longshore activities at locations in the State of Alaska, it must submit an attestation to ETA containing the elements prescribed by the INA.

The INA further requires that the Department make available for public examination in Washington, DC, a list of employers which have filed attestations, and for each such employer, a copy of the employer's attestation and accompanying documentation it has received.

In order for the Department to meet its statutory responsibilities under the INA, there is a need for an extension of an existing collection of information pertaining to employers' seeking to use alien crewmembers to perform

longshore activities at locations in the State of Alaska.

Because the prevailing practice exception remains in the Statute, ETA is requesting a one-hour marker as a place holder for this collection of information. ETA has not received any attestations under the prevailing practice exception within the last three years. An information collection request will be submitted to increase the burden should activities recommence.

### II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed 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 collections techniques or other forms of information, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

### III. Current Actions

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Attestations by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities at Locations in the State of Alaska.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0352.

*Agency Number:* ETA 9033A.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Total Respondents:* 100.

*Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours:* 300.

*Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (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 ICR; they will also become a matter of public record.