

index compiled by the U.S. Government that is designed to measure changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer's dollar. The collection of prices directly from retail establishments is essential for the timely and accurate calculation of the commodities and services component of the CPI. Respondents include retail establishments throughout the country. If the information were not collected, the consequences to both the Federal and private sectors would be far-reaching and would have serious repercussions on Federal government policy and institutions.

Ira L. Mills,

DOL Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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 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 (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the TPS program. Note that the name of this program was changed from Revenue Quality Control to the Tax Performance System (TPS). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address below on or before July 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Rett Hensley, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and

Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room S 4522, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210; 202 693-3203 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Since 1987, all states except the Virgin Islands have been required by regulation at 20 CFR part 602 to operate a program to assess their UI tax and benefit programs. TPS developed new measures for tax performance to replace those previously gathered under the Quality Appraisal (QA) system. TPS is designed to assess the major internal UI tax functions by utilizing several methodologies: Computed Measures which are indicators of timeliness and completeness based on data automatically generated via the existing ETA 581 (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 1205-0178, expiring 8/2002) automated report; and Program Reviews which assess accuracy through a two-fold examination: (a) "Systems Reviews" examine tax systems for the existence of internal controls; (b) small samples of those systems' transactions are then examined to verify the effectiveness of controls.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor 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 submission of responses.

III. Current Actions

This is a request for OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) for continuing an existing collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0332.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.
Title: Tax Performance System.
OMB Number: 1205-0332.
Affected Public: State government.
Total Respondents: 52.
Frequency: Annually.
Total Responses: 52.
Average time per response: 1750

hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 91,000.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 8, 2002.

Grace A. Kilbane,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, May 16, 2002.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Requests from four (4) Federal Credit Unions to Convert to Community Charters.

2. *Proposed Rule:* Amendments to Part 702 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Prompt Corrective Action.

3. *Final Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement:* Allowance For Loan and Lease Losses Methodologies and Documentation for Federally Insured Credit Unions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, telephone: 703-518-6304.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the

Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel, AccessAbility Section, will be held by teleconference from 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 in Room 528 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 2, 2002, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: May 8, 2002.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Determination of the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts as to Certain Advisory Committees: Public Disclosure of Information and Activities

The National Endowment for the Arts utilizes advice and recommendations of advisory committees in carrying out many of its functions and activities.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (Public Law 92-463), governs the formation, use, conduct, management, and accessibility to the public of committees formed to advise and assist the Federal Government. Section 10 of the act specifies that department and agency heads shall make adequate provisions for participation by the public in the activities of advisory committees, except to the extent a determination is made in writing by the department or agency head that a portion of an advisory committee meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with subsection (c) of section 552b of title 5, United States Code.

It is the policy of the National Endowment for the Arts to make the

fullest possible disclosure of records to the public, limited only by obligations of confidentiality and administrative necessity. Consistent with this policy, meetings of the following Endowment advisory committees will be open to the public except for portions dealing with the review, discussion, evaluation, and/or ranking of grant applications: Combined Arts, Fellowships, Leadership Initiatives, Partnership, Special Projects, and the Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions.

The portions of the meetings involving the review, discussion, evaluation and ranking of grant applications may be closed to the public for the following reasons:

Information and data are furnished to the Endowment by grant applicants with the expectation that such information will be treated on a confidential basis and not necessarily disclosed to the public until such time as a final funding decision has been rendered. This information may include such matters as details relating to the type of design or work to be performed, adequacy of the applicant's facilities, competence of the applicant's staff, proposed budget, personal biographical data, and other material which would not otherwise be disclosed. If the process were not to continue on a confidential basis, grant applicants would not supply sufficiently detailed information so essential for complete and effective review of their proposals.

Further, public discussion of the merits of proposals not recommended for funding could subject unsuccessful grant applicants to negative speculation about the quality of the applicants' work. Additionally, premature public disclosure might adversely influence or prejudice the decisions of other funding sources in connection with their review of similar proposals.

Endowment consultant-experts are chosen from among persons recognized for their expertise in the arts. These experts review and evaluate applications for financial assistance submitted to the Endowment by their peers and colleagues in the respective cultural fields. As a result, public participation in panel meetings involving application review, during which negative criticisms of an applicant's work are expressed, undoubtedly would affect a consultant-expert's willingness to express his or her full and frank opinion regarding the merits of the proposed project or activity. Accordingly, the Endowment's capacity effectively to carry out its statutory mandate and maintain the highest possible standards of quality

with respect to funding recommendations would be seriously impaired by its inability to conduct the application review process in a confidential atmosphere conducive to the candid and honest exchange of ideas. Thus, such public participation would be likely to significantly frustrate the implementation of proposed agency actions, i.e., proposed funding decisions.

Consequently, in the interest of meeting our obligations of confidentiality in reference to matters submitted as part of grant applications, and in order to encourage and ensure, for the benefit of the Government's review and evaluation process, candid and uninhibited expression of views concerning the merits of grant applications and contract proposals:

It is hereby determined in accordance with the provisions of section 10(d) of the Act that the disclosure of information regarding the review, discussion, and evaluation of grant applications and contract proposals, as outlined herein is likely to disclose:

(1) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(2) Information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and

(3) Information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action.

Therefore, in light of the above, I have determined that the above referenced meetings or portions thereof, devoted to review, discussion, evaluation, and/or ranking of grant applications, and contract proposals may be closed to the public in accordance with subsection (c)(4)(6), and 9(B) of section 552b of title 5, United States Code.

The staff of each committee shall prepare a summary of any meeting or portion not open to the public within three (3) business days following the conclusion of the meeting of the National Council on the Arts considering applications recommended by such committees. The summaries shall be consistent with the considerations that justified the closing of the meetings.

All other portions of the meetings of these advisory committees shall be open to the public unless the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts or a designee determines otherwise in accordance with section 10(d) of the Act.

The Panel Coordinator shall be responsible for publication in the **Federal Register** or, as appropriate, in