

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* Data for the determination of the beginning, continuance, or termination of an Extended Benefit (EB) period in any State by reason of the EB trigger rate and the data on initial and continued claims used as economic indicators.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 15, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. The obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by E-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((201) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), on or before June 26, 2000.

The OMB 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.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

*Title:* Wage Statement.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0148.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Farms, business or other for-profit, Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 1.4 million.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 34 million.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 minute.

*Total Burden Hours:* 566,667.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Protection Act require employers of agricultural workers to maintain records of certain payroll information given to each worker.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Workforce Investment Act (WIA)(Section 167) National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP)

#### Allocations

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice: Announcement of Formula Allocations for the Program Year (PY) 2000 NFJP.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 182(d) of the WIA, the ETA is publishing the PY 2000 allocations for the NFJP authorized under Section 167 of the WIA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Alicia Fernandez-Mott, Chief, Division of Seasonal Farmworker Programs. Her e-mail address is <afernandez-mott@doleta.gov>. Her telephone number is (202) 219-5500, ext. 121. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 25, 2000. Comments must be submitted on or before June 26, 2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 19, 1999, a Notice of the new formula for allocating funds available for the NFJP (formerly referred to as the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker (MSFW) program) was published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 27390 (May 19, 1999). The Notice explains how the new formula achieves its purpose, which is to distribute funds geographically by State service area on the basis of each area's relative share of farmworkers who are eligible for enrollment in the NFJP. The new formula consists of a rational organization of multiple data sets selected to yield the relative share distribution of eligible farmworkers. The result is substantially more relevant to the purpose than the allotments determined by the prior formula. Because it is the best available allocation tool and to maintain consistency, the Department of Labor is using the new formula described in the May 19 Notice to allocate PY 2000 WIA section 167 funds. The rationale for the new allocation formula and underlying methodology on how the new formula realigns the NFJP allocations, is fully explained in the May 19 Notice. The Department of Labor invites comments on our decision to use this formula for allocating PY 2000 funds.

Implementing the new formula in PY 1999 gave rise to significant changes in relative funding levels. The magnitude of the realignment for some State service areas is substantial. This is attributable to the inherent weaknesses of the data sources used under the prior formula and also to the fact the sources had gradually become substantially date-stale. To provide for a smooth transition from the original distributions, to the distributions provided by the new formula, Part IV of the May 19, 1999 Notice provides a strategy for implementation of the new formula through four incremental "hold harmless" stages. The stages adjust the formula allocations by limiting the rate of reduction in relative funding levels to the four annual increments of 95 percent, 90 percent, 85 percent and 80 percent of the 1998 level—the last year under the old formula. Full implementation of the new (combined-data) formula is reached on the 5th year allocation. The May 19, 1999 Notice provides that for PY 2000, which is the second stage hold-harmless year, each State service area will receive no less than 90 percent of its PY 1998 allocation (64 FR 27390, 27399 § IV(2)). PY 2000 is the operating year that begins on July 1, 2000.

The Fiscal Year 2000 pre-recission appropriation for the MSFW programs