

the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed.

The enactment of Public Law 112–96 (The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, referred to hereafter as “the act”) contains Subtitle D, Short-Time Compensation Program, also known as the “Layoff Prevention Act of 2012” (Act). The sections of the law under this subtitle concern states that participate in a layoff aversion program known as STC or work sharing. Section 2164 of the Act covers grants the Federal Government provided to states for the purpose of implementation or improved administration of an STC program or for promotional and enrollment in the program. ETA has principal oversight responsibility for monitoring the STC grants awarded to state workforce agencies (SWAs). As part of the monitoring process, SWAs submit a quarterly progress report (QPR). The QPR serves as a monitoring instrument to track the SWAs’ progress toward completing STC grant activities. ETA also needs to allow for this reporting for proper oversight of state STC programs. Section 2164 of the Act authorizes this information collection.

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 it is approved by OMB under the PRA 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.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB control number 1205–0499.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

DOL is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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:* DOL–ETA.

*Type of Review:* Extension without changes.

*Title of Collection:* Short-Time Compensation (STC) Grants.

*Form:* Short-Time Compensation Quarterly Progress Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205–0499.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 44.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 44 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**Molly E. Conway,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Advisory Committee on Veterans’ Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO): Meeting

**AGENCY:** Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS), Department of Labor (DOL).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the ACVETEO. The ACVETEO will discuss the DOL core programs and services that assist veterans seeking employment and raise employer awareness as to the advantages of hiring veterans. There will be an opportunity for individuals or

organizations to address the committee. Any individual or organization that wishes to do so should contact Mr. Gregory Green at 202–693–4734.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify the Advisory Committee no later than Wednesday, January 16, 2019 by contacting Mr. Gregory Green at 202–693–4734. Requests made after this date will be reviewed, but availability of the requested accommodations cannot be guaranteed. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This Notice also describes the functions of the ACVETEO. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, Conference Room N–4437 A, B & C. Members of the public are encouraged to arrive early to allow for security clearance into the Frances Perkins Building.

**Security Instructions:** Meeting participants should use the visitor’s entrance to access the Frances Perkins Building, one block north of Constitution Avenue at 3rd and C Streets, NW. For security purposes meeting participants must:

1. Present a valid photo ID to receive a visitor badge.

2. Know the name of the event being attended: The meeting event is the Advisory Committee on Veterans’ Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO).

3. Visitor badges are issued by the security officer at the Visitor Entrance located at 3rd and C Streets NW. When receiving a visitor badge, the security officer will retain the visitor’s photo ID until the visitor badge is returned to the security desk.

4. Laptops and other electronic devices may be inspected and logged for identification purposes.

5. Due to limited parking options, Metro’s Judiciary Square station is the easiest way to access the Frances Perkins Building.

**Notice of Intent to Attend the Meeting:** All meeting participants should submit a notice of intent to attend by Friday, January 11, 2019, via email to Mr. Gregory Green at

*green.gregory.b@dol.gov*, subject line "January 2019 ACVETEO Meeting."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gregory Green, Designated Federal Official for the ACVETEO, (202) 693-4734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ACVETEO is a Congressionally mandated advisory committee authorized under Title 38, U.S. Code, Section 4110 and subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended. The ACVETEO is responsible for: Assessing employment and training needs of veterans; determining the extent to which the programs and activities of the U.S. Department of Labor meet these needs; assisting to conduct outreach to employers seeking to hire veterans; making recommendations to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for VETS, with respect to outreach activities and employment and training needs of veterans; and carrying out such other activities necessary to make required reports and recommendations. The ACVETEO meets at least quarterly.

#### Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and remarks, Sam Shellenberger, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service
- 9:05 a.m. Administrative Business, Gregory Green, Designated Federal Official
- 9:10 a.m. Discussion and review of the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report, Eric Eversole, ACVETEO Chairman
- 11:10 a.m. Break
- 11:20 p.m. Veterans' Employment and Training Service plan to answer the Fiscal Year 2018 Report Recommendations, Gregory Green, Designated Federal Official
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Veterans' Employment and Training Service year in review
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. Public Forum, Gregory Green, Designated Federal Official
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Signed in Washington, DC, this 19th day of December 2018.

**Sam Shellenberger,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; The Study of the Great Recession and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) System in the 21st Century, New Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), 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). This program helps to ensure that required 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, DOL is soliciting comments concerning the collection of information for the Study of the Great Recession and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) System in the 21st Century. 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 February 26, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either one of the following methods: *Email:* [ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov](mailto:ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov); *Mail or Courier:* Jennifer Daley, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified for this information collection. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Daley by email at [ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov](mailto:ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov) or by phone at (202) 693-5913.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*I. Background:* The Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) is sponsoring a study on lessons learned regarding the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system in response to the Great Recession that began in 2007, the economic recovery that followed the Great Recession, and issues relevant to future UI policy and future economic downturns.

The main goal of the study is to identify, analyze, and report on the problems that state UI programs faced during the Great Recession and how they responded to those challenges, and lessons learned. The study will focus on the challenges and adjustments states made with respect to staffing, data, administrative processes and procedures, trigger mechanisms, and trust funds. It will also highlight structural issues that predate the Great Recession and lessons learned from the recession so that state UI programs are better prepared for future recessions and a changing labor market.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on the proposed data collection instruments that will be used in the study: a survey of UI directors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and semi-structured interviews.

1. *Online survey.* The online survey of state UI directors will collect information on challenges faced by the states during the Great Recession, as well as the current state of administrative, financial, and programmatic features (if not available in other sources of reported data) that have been identified in previous research as presenting challenges to states during the previous recession.

2. *Semi-structured interviews.* The State UI staff, including UI directors, financial staff, Chief of Benefits staff, appeals staff, benefits determination staff, Human Resources (HR) staff, and Information Technology (IT) staff, in approximately 6 states will be interviewed during site visits. The semi-structured interviews will gather detailed information on challenges and lessons learned from a range of perspectives and will include respondents who were and were not working in UI agencies at the time of the Great Recession.

*II. Desired Focus of Comments:* Currently, DOL is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the Study of the Great Recession and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) System in the 21st Century. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary