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Job Corps is the nation's largest residential, educational, and career technical training program for the economically disadvantaged youths. The Economic Opportunity Act established Job Corps in 1964, and it currently operates under the authority of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. For over 56 years, Job Corps has helped prepare over three million at-risk young people between the ages of 16 and 24 for success in our nation's workforce. With 121 centers in 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, Job Corps assists students across the nation in attaining academic credentials, including High School Diplomas (HSD) and/or High School Equivalency (HSE), and career technical training credentials, including industry-recognized certifications, state licensures, and pre-apprenticeship credentials.

Job Corps is a national program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) through the Office of Job Corps and six Regional Offices. DOL awards and administers contracts for the recruiting and screening of new students, center operations, and the placement and transitional support of graduates and former enrollees. Large and small corporations and nonprofit organizations manage and operate 95 Job Corps centers under contractual agreements with DOL. These contract Center Operators are selected through a competitive procurement process that evaluates potential operators' technical expertise, proposed costs, past performance, and other factors, in accordance with the Competition in Contracting Act and the Federal Acquisition Regulations. Many of the current contractors operate more than one center. The two centers operated under demonstration grants are run by the State of Idaho and the National Guard Job Challenge program respectively. Of the 121 current centers, 24 are managed and operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Forest Service (USDA) through an interagency agreement. Additionally, there are 26 public colleges and universities operating Job Corps Scholars Program demonstration grants.

The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), Section 116(b)(2)(A)(i), Section 159(c)(4) and Section 156(a) 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 OMB approves the collection 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 1205–0219.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. The 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.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* Standard Job Corps Contractor and Grantee Information Gathering.

*Form:* Various. Center Financial Report—FMS 2110, Grantee Financial Report—FMS 2181, Center Vacancy/ Separation Report—FMS 2110S, Center Operations Budget—FMS 2181, Environmental Health Inspections—OJC 6–36, Inspection of Residential &

Educational Facilities—OJC 6–37, Inspection of Waste Treatment Facilities Costs—OJC 6–39, Inspection Water Supply Facilities—OJC 6–38, Disciplinary Discharge—ETA 6–131A, Review Board Hearings—ETA 6–131B, Rights to Appeal—ETA 6–131C, Student Profile—ETA 640, Student Separation—ETA 661, Grantee Data Collection Form: Application Data—ETA 9190C, Grantee Data Collection Form: Enrollee Data—ETA 9190B, Grantee Data Collection Form: Post Separation Data—ETA 9190A.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205–0219.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households and Private Sector businesses, grantees or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,570.

*Frequency:* Various.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 277,570.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* Varies.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 84,096.

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

**Angela Hanks,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all written comments received by January 18, 2022.

**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 by contacting John

Schuettinger by telephone at 202-693-2680 (this is not a toll-free number), TTY 1-877-889-5627 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at [Schuettinger.john@dol.gov](mailto:Schuettinger.john@dol.gov).

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Room S-4520, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; by email: [Schuettinger.john@dol.gov](mailto:Schuettinger.john@dol.gov); or by fax (202) 693-3975.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Schuettinger by telephone at 202-693-2680 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [schuettinger.john@dol.gov](mailto:schuettinger.john@dol.gov).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final approval. This program helps to ensure 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 can be properly assessed.

ETA's administrative procedures regulation, found at 20 CFR 601, sets out the collection of information requirements. Section 601.2 requires states to submit copies of their unemployment compensation (UC) laws for approval by the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) so that the Secretary may determine the status of state laws and plans of operation. Section 601.3 requires states to "submit all relevant state materials such as statutes, executive and administrative orders, legal opinions, rules, regulations, interpretations, court decisions, etc."

These materials are used by the Secretary to determine whether the state law contains provisions required by Section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. DOL provides grants to states to fund the administration of their employment security laws if their UC laws and their plans of operation for public employment offices meet required conditions of Federal laws. The information transmitted by Form MA 8-7 is used by the Secretary to make findings (as specified in the above cited Federal laws) required for certification to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to states or for certification of the state law for purposes of providing additional tax credits to employers in

states with UC laws conforming to Federal law. If this information is not available, the Secretary cannot make such certifications. To facilitate transmittal of required material, DOL prescribes the use of Form MA 8-7, Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials. This simple check-off form is used by the states to identify material being transmitted to the National Office and allows the material to be routed to appropriate staff for prompt action. 20 CFR 601.2 and 601.3 authorize 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 1205-0222.

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 Change.

*Title of Collection:* Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials.

*Form:* MA 8-7.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0222.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency:* Varies.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 318.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* 0.25 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 79.5 hours.

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

**Angela Hanks,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) Credit Reduction Applicable in 2021

Sections 3302(c)(2)(A) and 3302(d)(3) of the FUTA provide that employers in a state that has outstanding advances under Title XII of the Social Security Act on January 1 of two or more consecutive years are subject to a reduction in credits otherwise available against the FUTA tax for the calendar year in which the most recent such January 1 occurs, if advances remain on November 10 of that year. Further, Section 3302(c)(2)(C) of FUTA provides for an additional credit reduction for a year if a state has outstanding advances on five or more consecutive January 1 and has a balance on November 10 for such years. Section 3302(c)(2)(C) provides for waiver of this additional credit reduction and substitution of the credit reduction provided in Section 3302(c)(2)(B) if a state meets certain conditions.

Employers in the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) were potentially liable for the additional credit reduction under Section 3302(c)(2)(C) of FUTA. The jurisdiction applied for the waiver of this additional credit reduction. The Employment and Training