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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-day notice of information collection under review: extension of a currently approved collection; Federal Firearms Licensee Firearms Inventory Theft/Loss Report.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until April 14, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Ben Hayes, National Tracing Center, 244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Federal Firearms Licensee Firearms Inventory Theft/Loss Report.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: ATF F 3310.11, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Other: Business or other for-profit. *Abstract:* Authorization of this form is requested as the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act requires Federal firearms licensees to report to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and to the appropriate local authorities any theft or loss of a firearm from the licensee's inventory or collection, within a specific time frame after the theft or loss is discovered.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 4,000 respondents will complete a 24 minute form.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total annual public burden hours for this information collection is estimated to be 1,600 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Robert B. Briggs, Department Clearance Officer, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 10, 2003.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment & Training Administration

Office of Policy Development Evaluation and Research; Call for Papers; Biennial National Research Conference on "Workforce Investment Issues in the United States"; Washington, DC June 4-5, 2003

Summary: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is the federal government agency responsible for implementing a national workforce investment and security system that enables workers and employers to compete and succeed in an ever-changing economy. This task is accomplished through the provision of world class labor market information, labor exchange services, job search assistance, training, and unemployment insurance benefits. These programs assist in the management of the risks associated with unemployment, declining income and skill shortages. They help workers in their search for work and their efforts to upgrade their human capital. They help employers find new employees who meet their skill requirements and upgrade the skills of their incumbent workers.

In 1998, the Workforce Investment Act, the nation's most comprehensive effort at streamlining and transforming public employment, job training and education programs and agencies into a system that meets the skill needs of today's economy, was passed. The implementation of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 combines a variety of workforce development programs and initiatives under one umbrella—the One-Stop System—to effectively serve the needs of job-seekers, workers and employers in the changing workforce development environment at the onset of the 21st century economy.

Under the provisions of the WIA, the Secretary of Labor is required every two years to prepare a five-year research plan for research, pilot and demonstration initiatives. This research plan reflects a strategic vision for research efforts based upon input from stakeholders in employment and training research, a review of recent efforts, an identification of areas where future research may be needed, and a review of possible research methodologies.

In light of major changes in the macro-economy that have taken place in the areas of technological transformation, increasing globalization and changing demographics over the