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Application Requirement

The applicant must provide goals, objectives, and methods of implementation for the project that are consistent with the announcement. Objectives should be clear, measurable, attainable, and focused on the methods used to conduct the project. Applicants should provide an implementation plan for the project and include a schedule which will demonstrate milestones for significant task in chart form. The project initiated early, 2000 will be completed in early, 2001.

Authority: Public Law 93-415.

Funds Available

The award will be limited to a maximum of \$165,000 (direct and indirect costs). Funds may only be used for the activities that are linked to the desired outcome of the project. No funds are transferred to state or local governments. This project will be collaborative venture with the NIC Prisons Division.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications

Applications must be received by 4:00 pm Eastern Time on Wednesday March 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

Requests for the application kit should be directed to Judy Evens, Cooperative Agreement Control Office, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Room 5007, Washington, D.C. 20534 or by calling (800) 995-6423, extension 159 or (202) 307-3106, extension 159. She can also be contacted by E-mail via jevans@bop.gov. All technical and or programmatic questions concerning this announcement should be directed to Madeline M. Ortiz at the above address or by calling (800) 995-6423, extension 141 or (202) 307-1300, extension 141, or by E-mail via mmortiz@bop.gov. A copy of this announcement and application forms may also be obtained through the NIC web site: <http://www.nicic.org> (click on "What's New" and "Cooperative Agreements").

Applications mailed or express delivery should be sent to: National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, 5007, Washington, D.C. 20534, Attn: Director. Hand delivered applications can be brought to 500 First Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20534.

The front desk will call Bobbi Tinsley (307-3106 and press 0) to come to the desk for pickup.

Eligible Applicants: An eligible applicant is any state or general unit of local government, private agency, educational institution, organization, individuals or team with expertise in correctional mental health services.

Review Considerations: Applications received under this announcement will be subjected to a NIC 3 to 5 member Peer Review Process.

Number of Awards: One (1).

NIC Application Number: 00P11. This number should appear as a reference line in the cover letter and also in box 11 of Standard Form 424.

Executive Order 12372: This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372. Executive Order 12372 allows States the option of setting up a system for reviewing applications from within their States for assistance under certain Federal programs. Applicants (other than Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments) should contact their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC), a list of which is included in the application Kit, along with further instructions on proposed projects serving more than one State.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is: 16.603

Dated: February 14, 2000.

Morris L. Thigpen,

Director, National Institute of Corrections.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 15, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICS) 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. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PEBA, 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 ((202) 219-509 ext. 151 or by e-mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory 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), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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: Notice of Final Payment or Suspension of Compensation Benefits.

OMB Number: 1215-0024.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Total Responses: 19,350.

Average Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,838.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$10,070.

Description: The report is used by insurance carriers and self-insured employers to report the payment of benefits under the Longshore and Harbors Workforce Compensation Act.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

Title: Work Experience and Career Exploration Programs (WECEP).

OMB Number: 1215-0121.

Frequency: Biennial Reporting.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Individual or households.

Number of Respondents: 14,014.

Total Responses: 14,014.

Average Time Per Response: Reporting, WECEP Application—2 hours

Reporting, Written Training Agreement—1 hour
 Recordkeeping, WECEP Program Information—1 hour
 Recordkeeping, Filing of WECEP record and Training Agreement—1/2 minute
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 7,145.
Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$2.52.

Description: State educational agencies are required to file applications for approval of Work Experience and Career Exploration Programs (WECEP) which provide exceptions to the child labor regulations issued under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). State educational agencies are also required to maintain certain records with respect to approved WECEP programs.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed collection of the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data and the ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration; Department of Labor.

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, Office of Workforce Security is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection of the ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report and the ETA 539, Weekly Claims

and Extended Benefits Trigger. 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's section below on or before April 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Cynthia L. Ambler, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210, Phone: 202-219-6209 x129, Fax: 202-2198506, E-mail: cambler@doleta.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ETA 538 and ETA 539 reports contain information on initial claims and continued weeks claimed. These figures are important economic indicators. The ETA 538 is a quick look that allows US figures to be released to the public five days after the close of the period. The ETA 539 contains more refined economic indicators that are publishable on a State level as well as information on the Extended Benefits trigger level and the background data supporting it.

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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The ETA 538 and ETA 539 continue to be needed as they provide both timely economic indicators as well as the information needed to track the data that triggers states onto and off of the Extended Benefits program.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Title: ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data and the ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0028.

Agency Number: ETA 538 and ETA 539.

Recordkeeping: Respondent is expected to maintain data which supports the reported data for three years.

Affected Public: State governments.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

ETA 538 53 States × 52 reports × 30 min.	=	1378 hrs.
ETA 539 53 States × 52 reports × 50 min.	=	2297 hrs.
Total Burden		3675 hrs.

Total Burden Cost: (operating/maintaining): \$91,875.

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

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Grace A. Kilbane,

Director, Office of Workforce Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal