

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Cooperative Research Group on Diesel Aftertreatment Accelerated Aging Cycles—Heavy-Duty**

Notice is hereby given that, on February 2, 2009, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute Cooperative Research Group on Diesel Aftertreatment Accelerated Aging Cycles—Heavy-Duty (“DAAAC-HD”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to the venture and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties to the venture are: Doosan Infracore, Incheon, Republic of Korea; Isuzu Motors Limited, Kanagawa-ken, Japan; Lubrizol Corporation, Wickliffe, OH; MTtJ, Friedrichshafen, Germany; Navistar Inc., Melrose Park, IL; Scania, Sodertalje, Sweden; and Umicore, Catoosa, OK. The purpose and the nature of DAAAC-HD is to develop a methodology and procedures for accelerating heavy duty diesel aftertreatment systems aging for heavy-duty diesel engine applications, such as emission components and systems. The procedures to be developed will aim to dramatically shorten durability testing times. In addition, these procedures can be used by the industry to determine the most effective emissions systems for their heavy-duty diesel engine applications. It is anticipated that the central component of the accelerated aging procedure will be a cycle that would expose diesel aftertreatment systems to exhaust at an elevated temperature. In addition, such exhaust will have a chemical composition that would accelerate the aftertreatment system aging.

Membership in this research group remains open, and DAAAC-HD intends to file additional written notification

disclosing all changes in membership or planned activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collection, Comment Request****ACTION:** Notice.

AGENCY: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the “National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997.” A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before April 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) is a nationally representative sample of persons who were born in the years 1980 to 1984.

These respondents were ages 12–17 when the first round of annual interviews began in 1997; the thirteenth round of annual interviews will be conducted from September 2009 to May 2010. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) contracts with the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago to conduct the NLSY97. The primary objective of the survey is to study the transition from schooling to the establishment of careers and families. The longitudinal focus of this survey requires information to be collected from the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, fertility, income, and program participation.

One of the goals of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to produce and disseminate timely, accurate, and relevant information about the U.S. labor force. The BLS contributes to this goal by gathering information about the labor force and labor market and disseminating it to policymakers and the public so that participants in those markets can make more informed, and thus more efficient, choices. Research based on the NLSY97 contributes to the formation of national policy in the areas of education, training, employment programs, and school-to-work transitions. In addition to the reports that the BLS produces based on data from the NLSY97, members of the academic community publish articles and reports based on NLSY97 data for the DOL and other funding agencies. To date, more than 90 articles examining NLSY97 data have been published in scholarly journals. The survey design provides data gathered from the same respondents over time to form the only data set that contains this type of information for this important population group. Without the collection of these data, an accurate longitudinal data set could not be provided to researchers and policymakers, thus adversely affecting the DOL’s ability to perform its policy- and report-making activities.

II. Current Action

The BLS seeks approval to conduct round 13 of annual interviews of the NLSY97. Respondents to the NLSY97 will undergo an interview of approximately 65 minutes during which they will answer questions about schooling and labor market experiences, family relationships, and community background.

During the fielding period for the main round 13 interviews, about 2 percent of respondents will be asked to participate in a brief validation

interview a few weeks after the initial interview. The purpose of the validation interview is to verify that the initial interview took place as the interviewer reported and to assess the data quality of selected questionnaire items.

The BLS proposes to record randomly selected segments of the main interviews during round 13. Recording interviews helps the BLS and NORC to ensure that the interviews actually took place and that interviewers are reading the questions exactly as worded and entering the responses properly. Recording also helps to identify parts of the interview that might be causing problems or misunderstanding for interviewers or respondents. Each respondent will be informed that the interview may be recorded for quality control, training, and research purposes. If the respondent objects to the recording of the interview, the interviewer will confirm to the respondent that the interview will not be recorded and then proceed with the interview.

During round 13, the BLS proposes to administer a noninterview respondent questionnaire to sample members who have missed at least 5 consecutive rounds and who do not complete the round 13 interview on first approach. Responses to this questionnaire will

enable the BLS and NORC to learn more about long-term nonrespondents and therefore understand attrition patterns and any nonresponse bias. Other changes in round 13 include collecting permission forms from respondents to obtain their college transcripts.

Permission forms will be sought from respondents who have received a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) credential or completed coursework in a postsecondary degree program. Collection of permission forms is contingent on available funding.

The round 13 questionnaire includes questions on workplace injuries and illnesses and on exercise activity, diet and nutrition, and oral health. The questionnaire also includes additional questions on days of work missed due to emotional or mental health problems. Respondents who report serving on active military duty will be asked a series of questions on their military service. Military veterans also will be asked about their experience with programs designed to help service members make the transition from military to civilian life.

III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.

- 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.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997.

OMB Number: 1220-0157.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (min)	Estimated total burden (hours)
NLSY97 Pretest: June–July 2009	150	Annually	150	65	163
Main NLSY97: September 2009–May 2010	7,350	Annually	7,350	65	7,963
Round 13 Validation Interview	147	Annually	147	4	10
Noninterview Respondent Questionnaire	120	Annually	120	10	20
College Transcript Release Form	6,311	Once	6,311	1.5	158
Total	7,620		14,078		8,314

The difference between the total number of respondents and the total number of responses reflects the fact that about 6,311 are expected to complete the main interview and the college transcript release form. In addition, about 147 respondents will be interviewed twice, once in the main survey and a second time in the 4-minute validation interview.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, this 18th day of February, 2009.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

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Notice of the March 11, 2009 Millennium Challenge Corporation Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

PLACE: Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information on the meeting may be obtained from Romell Cummings via e-

mail at Board@mcc.gov or by telephone at (202) 521-3600.

STATUS: Meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") will hold a meeting to consider the selection of countries that will be eligible for FY 2009 Millennium Challenge Account ("MCA") assistance under Section 607 of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (the "Act"), codified at 22 U.S.C. 7706, and Threshold Program assistance under Section 616 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7715); discuss progress on proposed Compacts with certain MCA-eligible countries;