

approaches and their related costs for achieving the goals of the solicitation through on-site and off-site assistance. The final budget and award amount will be negotiated between the funders and the successful applicant. 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.

**Eligibility of Applicants:** An eligible applicant is any public or private agency, educational institution, organization, individual or team with expertise in the described areas.

**Review Considerations:** Applications received under this announcement will be subjected to a 3 to 5 person NIC and joint funding agency Review Process.

**Number of Awards:** One.

**NIC Application Number:** 08C75. This number should appear as a reference line in the cover letter, in box 4a of Standard Form 424, and outside of the envelope in which the application is sent.

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:** 16.603.

**E.O. 12372:** This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372.

E.O. 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 can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Dated: January 23, 2008.

**Morris Thigpen,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request of the ETA-9016, on Alien Claims Activity Report; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration.

**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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/ombcn/ombcontrolnumber.cfm>.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 31, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nancy Dean, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3215 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: [dean.nancy@dol.gov](mailto:dean.nancy@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The ETA-9016 Report is used by the Department of Labor to assess whether (and the extent to which) the requirements of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) system are cost-effective and otherwise appropriate for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program. In addition, data from the Alien Claims Activity Report is being used to assist the Secretary of Labor in determining whether a State Workforce Agency's (SWA) administrative costs associated with the verification program are reasonable and reimbursable. There is no other report or system available for collecting this required information.

The report allows the Department of Labor to determine the number of aliens filing for UI, the number of benefit issues detected, the denials of benefits to aliens, the extent to which State Agencies use the system, and the overall effectiveness and cost efficiency of the verification system. If SWAs are not required to submit the information on the Alien Claims Activity Report, the Department of Labor would not be able

to fulfill its responsibilities to assess the SAVE system.

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection for the ETA 9016 Report on Alien Claims Activity. Comments are requested to:

- 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

Continued collection of the ETA-9016 data will provide for a comprehensive evaluation of the UI Alien Claims Activities. The data are collected quarterly, and an analysis of the data received is formulated into a report summarizing the Alien Claims Activity by the 53 SWAs.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change.

**Agency:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

**Title:** ETA 9016, Alien Claims Activity Report.

**OMB Number:** 1205-0268.

**Agency Number:** ETA 9016.

**Affected Public:** 53 State governments.

**Total Respondents:** 53.

**Frequency:** Quarterly.

**Total Responses:** 53 States.

**Total Average Time per Response:** 1 hour.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 212 hours.

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

**Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):** \$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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 24, 2008.

**Cheryl Atkinson,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.*

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