

the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to maintain PRA authorization for the information collection requirements contained in the Rigging Equipment for Material Handling Standard regulations at 29 CFR 1926.251(b)(1), (b)(6)(i), (b)(6)(ii), (c)(15)(ii), (e)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) and (f)(2) that require affixing identification tags or markings on rigging equipment, developing and maintaining inspection records, and retaining proof-testing certificates. These information collection requirements are 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 the 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. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1218-0233.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2014. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2013 (78 FR 70326).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by March 3, 2014. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control

Number 1218-0233. The OMB 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-OSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Rigging Equipment for Material Handling Standard.

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0233.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 900.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 181,625.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 130,764.

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

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Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Comment Request for Information Collection for the Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF) Grant Program, New Collection.

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), 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 is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF) [SGA/DFA PY-11-05] grant program.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before April 1, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment, Division of WIA Adult Services and Workforce System, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S-4209, Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Wendy Slee. Telephone number: 202-693-3046 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Fax: 202-693-3817. Email: [workforce.innovation@dol.gov](mailto:workforce.innovation@dol.gov). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the person listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The WIF was created as a grant program by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (in Sec. 1801, Title VIII, Div. B of Pub. L. 112-10), and the first round of grants was awarded in June 2012, with service delivery beginning in 2013. According to this Act, the WIF was established to "carry out projects that demonstrate innovative strategies or replicate effective evidence-based strategies that align and strengthen the workforce investment system in order to improve program delivery and education and employment outcomes for program beneficiaries." One of the purposes of the WIF grants is to contribute to the documentation of evidence-based practice within the field of workforce development.

This document requests approval to collect information to meet the reporting and recordkeeping requirements of the WIF grant program. In applying for the WIF grant program, grantees agreed to submit quarterly reports—both narrative and performance reports—that describe

project activities and outcomes that relate to the project and document the training or labor market information approaches used by the grantee. The quarterly performance narrative report will provide a format for a detailed account of program activities, accomplishments, and progress toward performance outcomes during the quarter. These reports will collect aggregate information on participants' grant progress and accomplishments, grant challenges, grant technical assistance needs and success stories and lessons learned through five questions—four programmatic questions and one performance question. Because WIF grants tackle a range of employment and training services and strategies, each grant will have a unique set of performance goals and outcome measures designed by the grantee for the specific innovation and project being pursued in the grant. The fifth of the five questions in the quarterly performance narrative report will ask for performance data based on the unique grant performance measures and key project milestones identified by each grantee.

The information from these reports will be used to evaluate the performance of the WIF projects; manage performance risk; and collect lessons that are learned in terms of processes, strategies, and performance from the projects. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will use the data to help inform policy about the

workforce and possible changes in structures and policies that enable a closer alignment and integration of workforce development, education, human services, social insurance, and economic development programs. The data will also be used to determine what technical assistance needs the WIF grantees have so that ETA can provide such assistance to support improvement of grantee outcomes.

The information provided in the quarterly performance narrative reports, including the lessons learned through innovative projects, is necessary for increasing the body of knowledge about what works in workforce development. This information collection maintains a reporting and record-keeping system for a minimum level of information collection that is necessary to hold WIF grantees appropriately accountable for the Federal funds they receive and to allow the Department to fulfill its oversight and management responsibilities.

To reduce grantee burden, grantees will only report on performance measures they identify in their project that are specifically applicable to their grant. This approach minimizes the reporting burden on grantees and encourages grantees to identify and document a new set of achievements and performance measures that apply directly to the grant projects.

## 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

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Title:* Workforce Innovation Fund grant program.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0NEW.

*Affected Public:* Workforce Innovation Fund grant recipients.

*Form(s):* Quarterly narrative and performance reports.

*Total Annual Burden Cost for Respondents:* \$0.

## ESTIMATED TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Data collection activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden hours
Quarterly Performance Narrative Report .....	26	Quarterly .....	104	20	2080

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

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of December, 2013.

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*Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration, Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** In 2009, the Consumer Expenditure Surveys Division started the Gemini Project for the purpose of researching, developing, and implementing an improved survey design for the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE). The objective of the redesign is to improve the quality of the survey estimates through a verifiable

reduction in measurement error, with a particular focus on underreporting. While reducing measurement error, the new survey design would also combat the decline in response rates seen in recent years. In June 2013, a comprehensive redesign proposal was completed. As development, testing, and evaluation of the new CE survey proceeds, BLS would like feedback on the new survey design and the data that would be available from the survey from current data users and other interested parties.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before April 1, 2014.