

TABLE 5.—CALCULATION OF ANNUAL BURDEN FOR SCSEP

Type of grantee	No. of grantees	Hours	Rate in \$/hr	Cost
Private Non-Profit	12	162	\$10.75	\$1,739
State or U.S. Territory Government	56	162	32.50	5,258
All Grantees	68	11,000		315,290
Avg. per Grantee		162		4,637

Note: The hourly rate used to calculate cost depends upon the type of organization receiving the grant. For state and U.S. territory government grantees, the hourly rate is the estimated average hourly earnings for employees in state UI agencies in FY 2003 (as used for FY 2003 UI budget formulation purposes). For private non-profit grantees, the hourly rate is the average hourly earnings in the social assistance industry (May 2003, Current Employment Statistics Survey, U.S. Census Bureau).

Estimated Time Per Response: 792 hours per state and 102 hours per grantee.

Total Burden Hours: 66,880.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$767,000.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$1,860,000.

Total annualized cost requested: \$2,627,000.

Description: Data Validation would require states and grantees to ascertain the validity of report and participant record data submitted to the Employment and Training Administration and to submit reports to the Agency on data accuracy. The following programs would be subject to the validation requirement: Workforce Investment Act Title IB, Labor Exchange, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers, Native American Employment and Training, and Senior Community service Employment Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

July 8, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) 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 this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). To obtain documentation, contact Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: king.darrin@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), 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: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Welding, Cutting and Brazing (29 CFR 1910.255(e)).

OMB Number: 1218-0207.

Frequency: Periodic.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 23,490.

Number of Annual Responses: 94,289.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 1 minute to maintain the inspection certification record to 7 minutes to perform the inspection and to generate and maintain the inspection certification record.

Total Burden Hours: 6,588.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: 29 CFR 1910.255(e) requires that a periodic inspection of resistance welding equipment be made by qualified maintenance personnel, and that a certification record be generated and maintained. The certification shall include the date of the inspection, the signature of the person who performed the inspection and the serial number, or other identifier, for the equipment inspected. The record shall be made available to an OSHA inspector upon request. The maintenance inspection ensures that welding equipment is in safe operating condition while the maintenance record provides evidence to employees and Agency compliance officers that employers performed the required inspections.

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Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

July 9, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) 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 ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). To obtain documentation, contact Ira Mills on 202-693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: mills.ira@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Attestations by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities in U.S. Ports.

OMB Number: 1205-0309.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Number of Annual Responses: 1.

Activity	Average time per response	Total burden
Review Instructions	30 minutes	30 minutes.
Compile Info/File	2 hours	2 hours.
Complete, Submit and Provide notice	1 hour	1 hour.
Documentation/Maintenance	30 minutes	30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 4 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$0.

Description: The information provided on this form by employers seeking to use alien crewmembers to perform longshore activities in U.S. ports will permit the Department to meet federal responsibilities for program administration, management and oversight.

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Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations Unemployment Insurance (UI) Data Validation (DV) Program

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Department of Labor (Department) 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 the 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 Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reauthorization of its authority to collect information on the accuracy of State UI required reports produced by the UI DV program. ETA is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the PRA95 to extend for three years authority to collect this information that expires on December 31, 2004.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Burman Skrable, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4522, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: 202-693-3197 (this is not a toll-free number), fax: 202-693-3975, e-mail: skrable.burman@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Burman Skrable, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4522, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: 202-693-3197 (this is not a toll-free number); fax: 202-693-3975; e-mail: skrable.burman@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 303(a)(6) of the Social Security Act specifies that the Secretary of Labor will not certify State UI programs to receive administrative grants unless the State's law includes provisions for—

making of such reports * * * as the Secretary of Labor may from time to time require, and compliance with such provisions as the Secretary may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

The Department considers data validation one of those “provisions * * * necessary to assure the correctness and verification” of the reports it requires.

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires Federal agencies to develop annual and strategic performance plans that establish performance goals, have concrete indicators of the extent that goals are achieved, and set performance targets. Each year, the agency is to issue a report that “evaluate[s] the performance plan for the current fiscal year relative to the performance achieved toward the performance goals in the fiscal year covered by the report.” Section 1116 (d)(2) of OMB Circular A-11, which implements the GPRA process, cites the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000 to emphasize the need for data validation by requiring that the agency's annual performance report “contain an assessment of the completeness and reliability of the performance data included in it [that] * * * describes any material inadequacies in the completeness and reliability of the data.” (OMB Circular