

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