

The appellant is responsible for verifying that the bank provides a current Fitch rating to ONRR. After the appeal's resolution, ONRR may release and return the LOC to the appellant or collect payment on the LOC. If collection is necessary for a remaining balance, ONRR will issue a demand for payment that includes the principal amount plus the interest assessed on the receivable, to the bank with a notice to the appellant.

*C. Form ONRR-4437, Assignment of Certificate of Deposit:* An appellant may choose to secure a debt by requesting to use a Certificate of Deposit ("CD") from a bank with the required minimum rating and submitting form ONRR-4437, Assignment of Certificate of Deposit. Requirements under 30 CFR 1243.4 and proposed regulations at 25 CFR 226.179 continue to apply. The appellant must file the request with ONRR prior to the invoice due date. ONRR will accept a book-entry CD that explicitly assigns the CD to ONRR's Director. If collection of the CD is necessary for an unpaid balance, ONRR will return unused CD funds to the appellant after total settlement of the appealed issues, including applicable interest charges.

*D. Self-bonding (Federal leases only, not applicable to Indian or the Osage Mineral Estate leases):* For Federal oil and gas leases, regulations under 30 CFR 1243.201 provide that no surety instrument is required when a person representing the appellant periodically demonstrates, to the satisfaction of ONRR, that the guarantor or appellant is financially solvent or otherwise able to pay the obligation. The appellant must submit a written request to "self-bond" every time a new appeal is filed. To evaluate the financial solvency and exemption from requirements of appellants to maintain a surety related to an appeal, ONRR requires appellants to submit a consolidated balance sheet, subject to annual audit. In some cases, ONRR also requires copies of the most recent tax returns (up to three years) filed by the appellant.

In addition, an appellant must annually submit financial statements, subject to audit, to support its net worth. ONRR uses the consolidated balance sheet or business information supplied to evaluate the financial solvency of a lessee, designee, or payor seeking a stay of payment obligation pending review. If the appellant does not have a consolidated balance sheet documenting its net worth, or if it does not meet the \$300 million net worth requirement, ONRR will select a business information or credit reporting service to provide information concerning the appellant's financial

solvency. ONRR charges the appellant a \$50 fee each time it reviews data from a business information or credit reporting service. The fee covers ONRR's cost to determine an appellant's financial solvency.

*E. U.S. Treasury Securities:* An appellant may choose to secure its debts by requesting to use a U.S. Treasury Security ("TS"). The appellant must file the letter of request with ONRR prior to the invoice due date. The TS must be a U.S. Treasury note or bond with maturity equal to or greater than one year. The TS must equal 120 percent of the appealed amount plus 1 year of estimated interest (necessary to protect ONRR against interest rate fluctuations). ONRR only accepts book-entry TS.

*Title of Collections:* Suspensions Pending Appeal and Bonding.

*OMB Control Number:* 1012-0006.

*Form Numbers:* ONRR-4435, ONRR-4436, and ONRR-4437.

*Type of Review:* Revision to a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 107 appellants.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 107.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* The time per response is 120 mins. The average completion time is calculated by first multiplying the estimated annual burden hours (214 burden hours) by 60 to obtain the total annual burden minutes (12,840) is divided by the estimated annual responses (107).

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 214 hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually and on occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Non-Hour Burden Cost:* ONRR identified no "non-hour cost" burden associated with this collection of information.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour" Cost Burden:* There are no additional recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, ONRR estimates 5 appellants per year will pay a \$50 fee to obtain credit data from a business information or credit reporting service, which is a total "non-hour" cost burden of \$250 per year (5 appellants per year × \$50 = \$250).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*).

**Howard Cantor,**

*Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Request for Nominations for Membership on the Native American Employment and Training Council

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) invites interested parties to submit nominations for individuals to serve on the Native American Employment and Training Council (NAETC) and announces the procedures for those nominations. When submitting nomination materials, please indicate the Region or Discipline for which the nominee would like to be considered. Information regarding the NAETC can be found at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/dinap/council>.

**DATES:** Nominations for individuals to serve on the NAETC must be submitted electronically; by October 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and supporting materials described in this **Federal Register** Notice by the following method:

*Electronically:* Submit nominations, including attachments described in this document, by email using the following address: [NAETC@dol.gov](mailto:NAETC@dol.gov) (use subject line "Nomination—Native American Employment and Training Council"). The Department will not accept nominations by mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger, courier service, or facsimile.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathaniel Coley, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, (202) 693-4287 or email at [Coley.Nathaniel.d@dol.gov](mailto:Coley.Nathaniel.d@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background and Authority

Section 166(i)(4) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), 29 U.S.C. 3221(i)(4), requires the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to establish and maintain the NAETC. The statute requires the Secretary to formally consult at least twice annually with the NAETC on the operation and

administration of the WIOA Section 166 Indian and Native American employment and training programs. In addition, the NAETC advises the Secretary on matters that promote the employment and training needs of Indians and Native Americans, as well as to enhance the quality of life in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The NAETC also provides guidance to the Secretary on how to make DOL discretionary funding and other special initiatives more accessible to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations.

## II. Structure

The Council will be composed of no less than 15 members, but no more than 20, appointed by the Secretary, who are representatives of Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations pursuant to WIOA Section 166(i)(4)(B). The membership of the Council will, to the extent practicable, represent all geographic areas of the United States with a substantial Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian population, and will include representatives of tribal governments and of non-reservation Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian organizations that have expertise in the areas of workforce development, secondary and post-secondary education, health care, business and economic development, and job sectors growth.

Each NAETC member will be appointed for a two-year term. A vacancy occurring in the Council membership will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to a vacancy on the Council will serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor of that member was appointed. Members of NAETC will serve on a voluntary and generally uncompensated basis, but will be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend NAETC meetings, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by the Federal travel regulations. All NAETC members will serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. Members may be appointed, reappointed, or replaced, and their terms may be extended, changed, or terminated at the Secretary's discretion.

## II. Nominations Process

The Department is seeking nominations from representatives of

tribal governments and American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian organizations that have expertise in the areas of workforce development, secondary and post-secondary education, health care, human services, veteran services, business and economic development, and job sectors growth to join the Council and provide expertise on the WIOA Section 166, Indian and Native American Programs. The Charter requires that the Council, to the extent practicable, shall represent all geographic areas of the United States with a substantial Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian population. Accordingly, the Department is seeking representatives from each of the six Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) regions (see ETA regions located at: <https://www.doleta.gov/regions>), including representatives for Hawaii, Alaska, and Oklahoma and "Other Disciplines." In nominating representatives for "Other Disciplines," prospective nominees may represent various areas of expertise, such as technical experts (e.g., registered apprenticeships), education (tribal colleges or universities), health care, human services, elected tribal leaders, business, data analysis, economic development, or other sectors.

Appointments for the following 18 members will expire on March 10, 2024: Mr. Darrell Waldron, Region I, Boston (includes CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PR, RI, and VT); and Region II (includes DE, MD, PA, WV and VA);

Ms. Candace Lowry, Region III, Atlanta (includes AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN);

Ms. Lora Ann Chaisson, Mr. Erwin Pahlmhamie, Jr., Lorraine Edmo, and Robin Counce, Region IV, Dallas (includes AR, CO, LA, MT, ND, NM, OK, SD, TX, UT, and WY);

Mr. Robert Houle and Ms. Angel Peer, Region V, Chicago (includes IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, and WI);

Mr. Jacob Bernal, Mr. Gary Rickard, Mr. Shawn Isaac, and Mr. Joseph Quintana, Region VI, San Francisco (includes AK, AZ, CA, GU, HI, ID, NV, OR, and WA); and,

Ms. Holly Morales, Region VI, Alaska Native representative;

Winona Whitman, Region VI, Hawaii representative; and Ms. Patricia K. Hibbeler, Kim Kaniatobe Carroll, Jacob Wojnas, and Kay Seven, Other Disciplines.

All individuals listed above are eligible for nomination.

Grantee representatives from the six ETA regions (including those designated as Pub. L. 102-477 grantees) may submit nominations for individuals residing in

their ETA region only, except that nominations for Other Disciplines may be by grantees from any ETA region for individuals residing in any ETA region. In order to meet the FACA requirement of a fairly balanced membership and to ensure that the points of view of Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians are represented on the Council, nominations for individuals representing Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians will be accepted in addition to nominations for each region. In addition, a representative for the State of Oklahoma will be accepted due to the number of tribes and the concentration of American Indians in Oklahoma.

In submitting nominations, consideration should be given to the availability of the nominee to attend and actively participate in Council meetings (not less than twice each year), willingness to serve on Council subcommittees and workgroups, and provide feedback to the grantee community. Communication between the Council member and his or her constituency is essential to the partnership between the Department and the Indian and Native American communities.

Nominations submitted to *NAETC@dol.gov* (using subject line "Nomination—Native American Employment and Training Council") must include:

- Nominee's Name, title, organization, address, email, and phone number;
- Nominator's name, organization, address, email, and phone number;
- Nomination category (e.g., ETA Region, Native Hawaiian representative, Alaska Native representative, Oklahoma representative, or representative for Other Disciplines). Those nominating a regional representative must reside in the same region as the nominee. If nominated for Other Disciplines, specify discipline;
- A biography and current resume of the nominee; and
- A cover letter that provides the reason(s) for nominating the individual or a self-nomination, and the particular expertise of the nominee in the areas of workforce development, secondary and post-secondary education, health care, human services, veteran services business and economic development and job sectors growth. In addition, the cover letter must state that the nomination is being made in response to this **Federal Register** Notice and that the nominee (if nominating someone other than oneself) has agreed to be nominated.

We have provided an optional form for convenience. Download at <https://>

[www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/dinap/council](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/dinap/council).

(Authority: Pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. 3221(i)(4); Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended)

**Brent Parton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**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. 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 “The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.” A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the Addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before November 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room G225, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by email to [BLS\\_PRA\\_Public@bls.gov](mailto:BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll-free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Surveys collect data on consumer expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CE Surveys have been ongoing since 1979.

The data from the CE Surveys are used (1) for CPI revisions, (2) to provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation, and (3) to provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal Government agencies. Public and private users of price statistics, including Congress and the economic policymaking agencies of the Executive branch, rely on data collected in the CPI in their day-to-day activities. Hence, data users and policymakers widely accept the need to improve the process used for revising the CPI. If the CE Surveys were not conducted on a continuing basis, current information necessary for more timely, as well as more accurate, updating of the CPI would not be available. In addition, data would not be available to respond to the continuing demand from the public and private sectors for current information on consumer spending.

In the Quarterly Interview Survey, each consumer unit (CU) in the sample is interviewed every three months over four calendar quarters. The sample for each quarter is divided into three panels, with CUs being interviewed every three months in the same panel of every quarter. The Quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect data on the types of expenditures that respondents can be expected to recall for a period of three months or longer. In general the expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

### II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought to continue the Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview (CEQ) and the Diary (CED) and to make modifications to both.

In the CEQ, as part of CE’s ongoing effort to streamline the questionnaire, CE requests clearance to make the following modifications to the Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) instrument: rewording items to make collection easier cognitively, grouping similar items together, aggregating collection of items previously collected separately, and eliminating several questions. Specifically, the changes will include the following:

A new ‘Household Services’ section groups question on the items that were asked across the interview survey including termite/pest control, gardening/lawn care, water softening, septic tank cleaning, housekeeping, home security system fees, moving/storage/freight, heating or air conditioning contracts, home warranties/maintenance/service contracts on household appliances, and other home services or repair jobs.

For the ‘Owned Properties’ section, the list of items included in payments was simplified, and questions regarding why a payment amount changed were added, including related questions for additional principal/interest, and late/other fees. For the ‘Utilities’ section, the list of phone/cable/internet expenses was consolidated, and questions about breaking out cable/internet fees from a bundled bill are no longer asked. The ‘Medical expenditures’ section was also consolidated, reworded, and reordered.

The CE also requests clearance for minor changes to both the CED CAPI Instrument and the Diary form. Changes to the CAPI instrument include consolidating the grocery questions to one question and adding a question to give respondents the option of reporting online or by paper diary. Changes to the Diary form include adding instructions to include delivery fees for ‘Meals Away from Home’ in addition to tax and tip. We also request approval for adding help videos for respondents who choose to use the online diary to report their diary expenditures.

### 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