

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Proposed Collection; Comment
Request****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 other Federal agencies 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 (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection of information on the Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) program. ETA is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the PRA95 to establish a system to collect data at the state level on REA workload counts and outcomes.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before October 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Diane Wood, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room S4231, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, Fax (202) 693-3975; e-mail: wood.diane@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Wood, telephone: (202) 693-3212 (this is not a toll-free number); Fax (202) 693-3975, e-mail: wood.diane@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Funds were awarded to 21 states in FY 2005 to implement REA initiatives. The REA guidelines require that these funds be used to conduct in-person assessments in the One-Stop Career Centers. The REA must include a UI continued eligibility review, the provision of labor market information, development of a work-search plan and referral to reemployment services and/or training, as appropriate. The guidelines require that participation

exclude those claimants who have a specific return-to-work date or who secure employment solely through a union hiring hall.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Assess whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for evaluation of the REA program, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of ETA'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

ETA proposes to require state workforce agencies (SWAs) that implement REA initiatives to report quarterly data for REA grants beginning in FY 2006. This will provide the only continuous source of information about the effectiveness of REAs and is necessary to monitor the program. SWAs submitting proposals for FY 2006 funding will be advised of the reporting requirements and report formats prior to the development of their proposal.

The Department proposes collecting the following data elements for Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments (REAs). The quarterly activity report will be due at the end of each quarter and will reflect the REAs scheduled during the report quarter.

The ETA 9060—Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments Workloads report includes the following 23 elements.

1. Number of claimants scheduled for their first REA—The sum of all claimants who were scheduled for their first REA of their current benefit year during the report quarter.

2. Number of REAs scheduled—This includes all REAs for which an official notice was sent to the claimant instructing them to report to the One-Stop Career Center. It includes both those scheduled REAs for which the claimant reported as directed and those scheduled REAs for which the claimant

failed to report. It does not include those REAs which the claimant cancelled in advance and which were rescheduled with no disqualification.

3. Number of REAs completed—This number includes all completed REAs to which the claimant reported as directed. It includes REAs that were conducted for claimants who were rescheduled for an REA after missing an appointment.

4. Number of claimants reporting to reemployment services or training. For each REA, claimants should be reported in only one service category in items number 5, 6, and 7 below, based on the highest level of services received with core services as the lowest level and training as the highest. Core services, intensive services and training are defined in accordance with state definitions consistent with the Wagner-Peyser Act, the Workforce Investment Act or other applicable legislation.

5. Number of claimants reporting to core reemployment services as a result of an REA.

6. Number of claimants reporting to intensive reemployment services as a result of an REA.

7. Number of claimants reporting to training as a result of an REA.

8. Number of completed REAs resulting in a disqualification or established overpayments. This number includes all claimants for whom a nonmonetary determination has been issued holding them ineligible under any provision of state law. Claimants may be reported in more than one of the following categories:

9. Number of completed REAs resulting in a disqualification for a separation issue.

10. Number of completed REAs resulting in a disqualification for an able and available issue.

11. Number of completed REAs resulting in a disqualification for a disqualifying or deductible issue.

12. Number of completed REAs resulting in a disqualification for a refusal of suitable work issue.

13. Number of completed REAs resulting in a disqualification for an issue not covered in categories #9–12.

14. Number of completed REAs resulting in a establishment of an overpayment.

15. Dollar amount of overpayments established in item #14.

16. Number of REAs for which the claimant failed to report.

This number includes those claimants who were sent an official notice to report for an REA, and who did not report as directed. It includes claimants who failed to report and who were subsequently rescheduled for an REA at a different time. It does not include

REAs that were cancelled in advance by the claimant and for which no disqualification was issued.

17. Number of REAs for which the claimant failed to report (reported in #16) and which were rescheduled without disqualification.

18. Number of REAs for which the claimant failed to report (reported in #16) which resulted in the claimant being disqualified for failure to meet a reporting requirement.

19. Number of REAs for which the claimant failed to report (reported in #16) which resulted in the claimant being disqualified for an issue other than failure to meet a reporting requirement.

20. Number of overpayments established as a result of failure to report (reported in #16).

21. Dollar amount of overpayments established as a result of failure to report (reported in #20).

22. Number of REAs for which the claimant failed to report (reported in #16) which did not result in either a rescheduling or a disqualification because the claimant stopped claiming UI.

23. Number of claimants reported in #22 who were identified as having returned to work (if available).

The ETA 9061—Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments Outcomes report includes the following 16 elements. It will be submitted for the following two groups of claimants who filed a claim and established a UI benefit year in the report quarter. The outcome report would be due in the fifth quarter following the report quarter, after the benefit year has ended. As part of a state's submission for an REA grant, a description of how the state will select a comparison group, group 1 below, will be required and scored.

1. Claimants in a state-defined comparison group. This group should consist of the universe of claimants who were in the target group from which REA participants could have been selected for an REA but were not selected. The claimants in this group should have characteristics as similar as possible to the selected REA participant group. The following data elements will be collected:

a. Number of claimants who filed a claim and established a UI benefit year in the report quarter.

b. Total weeks compensated. This number is the total weeks of benefits paid for those claimants reports in item a. above during their respective benefit years. This number includes weeks of partial payments.

c. Total benefits paid. This number is the total dollar amount of benefits paid

to those claimants reported in item a. above during their respective benefit years. This number includes weeks of partial payments.

d. Number of disqualifications for claimants in the group. This may include multiple disqualifications for individuals.

e. The number of claimants exhausting benefits.

f. Number of claimants reemployed within the benefit year, based of the National or State Directories of New Hires.

g. For those reemployed, average time from date of initial claim to date of reemployment.

h. The amount of overpayments established.

2. Claimants who were scheduled for at least one REA during the benefit year.

a. Number of claimants who filed a claim and established a UI benefit year in the report quarter.

b. Total weeks compensated. This number is the total weeks of benefits paid for those claimants reported in item a. above during their respective benefit years. This number includes weeks of partial payments.

c. Total benefits paid. This number is the total dollar amount of benefits paid to those claimants reported in item a. above during their respective benefit years. This number includes weeks of partial payments.

d. Number of disqualifications for claimants in the group. This may include multiple disqualifications for individuals.

e. The number of claimants exhausting benefits.

f. Number of claimants reemployed within the benefit year, based on the National or State Directories of New Hires.

g. For those reemployed, average time from date of initial claim to date of reemployment.

h. The amount of overpayments established.

Due Dates for REA Reports

Reporting of the ETA 9060 will begin one year prior to the ETA 9061. States will electronically transmit the reports to ETA according to the following schedule. All workload counts are due on the 20th day of the second month following the end of the calendar quarter to coincide with other ETA reporting requirements. Outcomes reports are due on the same calendar quarter schedule in the following year.

ETA 9060—REEMPLOYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT WORKLOAD

Quarter in which the REA is scheduled	Report due to ETA by
1st quarter (January to March).	May 20.
2nd quarter (April to June).	August 20.
3rd quarter (July to September).	November 20.
4th quarter (October to December).	February 20.

ETA 9061—REEMPLOYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES

Quarter in which the benefit years begin	Report due to ETA by
1st quarter (January to March).	May 20.
2nd quarter (April to June).	August 20.
3rd quarter (July to September).	November 20.
4th quarter (October to December).	February 20.

ETA will provide resources to the states for startup and operational costs for the first year of data collection as described in the burden cost sections below.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments.

Agency Number: ETA 9060—Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments Workload and ETA 9061—Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments outcomes.

Record Keeping: States are required to follow their state laws regarding public records retention for this proposed data collection system.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies (SWAs).

Total Respondents: 53 state agencies.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 424.

Average Time per Responses: SWA staff .5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,120 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$371,000 53 SWAs at \$7,000 each.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$79,000 (annual) 53 SWAs at \$1,500 per SWA.

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: August 17, 2005.

Emily Stover DeRocco,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

[FR Doc. 05-16906 Filed 8-23-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-30-M

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Establishment

The Archivist of the United States has determined that the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Electronic Records Archives is necessary and is in the public interest in connection with the President's Management Agenda's e-government initiatives. This committee will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

This Committee shall advise the Archivist of the United States on technical, mission, and service issues related to the Electronic Records Archives (ERA). It will advise and make recommendations to the Archivist on issues related to the development, implementation, and use of the ERA system.

The Committee will be composed of not more than 20 voting members considered having particular expertise, knowledge and experience in electronic records. Members will be appointed by the Archivist of the United States.

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Charter for the Advisory Committee on the Electronic Records Archives will expire two years from the date of establishment.

Dated: August 17, 2005.

Mary Ann Hadyka,

Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 05-16786 Filed 8-23-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7515-01-P

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Proposed Collection, Comment Request, Current Characteristics of Sample Public Library Summer Reading Programs

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments, submission for emergency OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the

general public and federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3508 (2)(A)]. This pre-clearance comment opportunity 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 or respondents can be properly assessed. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is currently soliciting comments concerning its planned collection of data to support discussion of current public library evaluation practices for summer reading programs.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before September 19, 2005.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- 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.
- ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Karen Motylewski, Evaluation Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 9th floor, Washington, DC 20036-5841. Ms. Motylewski can be reached on telephone: 202-653-4686; Fax: 202-653-4625; or by e-mail at kmotylewski@imls.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background: The Institute of Museum and Library Services is charged with strengthening library services for the benefit of the public. Under the authority of the Library Services and Technology Act IMLS provides formula-

based funds to each of the 50 state library administrative agencies (SLAAs). Public library summer reading programs are common to all SLAAs and most of the nation's approximately 9,100 local libraries. These programs are important resources for education in the United States and promote the vision of a society in which learning is seen as a community-wide responsibility supported by both formal and informal educational entities. While there is strong conviction in the library field that public library summer programs foster reading skills, public libraries collect little evaluative data.

Under its convening authority IMLS will bring together 33 state and public library professionals on September 8-9 to explore current evaluation practice for public library summer reading programs and to identify a small number of common proxy measures for the outcomes of library summer reading programs. These measures will be piloted in a Web-based data collection and management resource for libraries in summer 2006.

II. Current Actions

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Current Characteristics of Sample Public Library Summer Reading Programs

OMB Number: n/a.

Agency Number: 3137.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State Library Administrative Agencies and Public Libraries.

Number of Respondents: 33.

Estimate Time Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 5.5.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total Annual costs: \$1500.00.

Contact: Send comments to Karen Motylewski, Evaluation Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 M Street, NW., 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-5841. Ms. Motylewski can be reached on telephone: 202-653-4686; Fax: 202-653-4625; or by e-mail at kmotylewski@imls.gov.

Dated: August 19, 2005.

Barbara G. Smith,

E-Projects Officer, Office of Research and Technology, Authorized Liaison Officer to the Federal Register on behalf of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

[FR Doc. 05-16837 Filed 8-23-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7036-01-P