

CAFTA–DR Implementation Act.” In order to be assured consideration, comments should be submitted by 5 p.m. (EDT), January 2, 2018. The Department of Labor encourages commenters to make on-line submissions using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site. When entering this site, enter “Request for Comments on Labor Capacity-Building Efforts Under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement” on the home page search bar and click “search.” The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled “Comment Now.” (For further information on using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on “How to Use This Site” (found on the bottom of the home page under “Help”).)

The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site allows users to provide comments by filling in a “Type Comment field,” or by attaching a document using an “Upload File” field. The USDOL prefers that uploaded submissions be in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the “Type Comment” field.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the submission itself and not as separate files.

As noted, USDOL strongly urges submitters to file comments through the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site.

Comments will be open to public inspection. Comments may be viewed on the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site.

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 9, 2017.

**Martha E. Newton,**

*Deputy Undersecretary.*

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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 “National Compensation Survey.” 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 January 22, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202–691–5111 (this is not a toll free number.)

**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 National Compensation Survey (NCS) is an ongoing survey of earnings and benefits among private firms, State, and local government. Data from the NCS program include estimates of wages covering broad groups of related occupations, and data that directly links benefit plan costs with detailed plan provisions. The NCS is used to produce the Employment Cost Trends, including the Employment Cost Index (ECI) and Employer Costs for Employee Compensation (ECEC), employee benefits data (on coverage, cost and provisions), data used by the President’s Pay Agent and this data is used by compensation administrators and researchers in the private sector. Data from the NCS are used to help in

determining monetary policy (as a Principal Federal Economic Indicator.)

The integrated program’s single sample produces both time-series indexes and cost levels for industry and occupational groups, thereby increasing the analytical potential of the data.

The NCS employs probability methods for selection of occupations. This ensures that sampled occupations represent all occupations in the workforce, while minimizing the reporting burden on respondents. The survey collects data from a sample of employers. These data will consist of information about the duties, responsibilities, and compensation (earnings and benefits) for a sample of occupations for each sampled employer.

Data will be updated on a quarterly basis. The updates will allow for production of data on change in earnings and total compensation.

##### II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the National Compensation Survey.

The NCS collects earnings and work level data on occupations for the nation. The NCS also collects information on the cost, provisions, and incidence of major employee benefits through its benefit cost and benefit provision programs and publications.

BLS has for a number of years been using a revised approach to the Locality Pay Survey (LPS); this uses data from two current BLS programs—the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey and the ECI program. This approach uses OES data to provide wage data by occupation and by area, while ECI data are used to specify grade level effects. This approach is also being used to extend the estimation of pay gaps to areas that were not included in the prior Locality Pay Survey sample, and these data have been delivered to the Pay Agent (in 2014, data for 92 areas were delivered.)

The NCS has a national survey design for the ECI and the EBS. The NCS private industry sample is on a three-year rotational cycle, with one frozen sample year every ten years for the NCS private industry sample when a new NCS State and local government sample starts (approximately in 2025).

The NCS continues to provide employee benefit provision and participation data. These data include estimates of how many workers receive the various employer-sponsored benefits. The data also include information about the common provisions of benefit plans.

NCS collection will use a number of collection forms (normally having

unique private industry and government initiation and update collection forms and versions). For NCS update collection, the forms or screens give respondents their previously reported information, the dates they expected change to occur to these data, and space for reporting these changes.

The NCS for electronic collection uses a Web-based system (Web-Lite) that allows NCS respondents, using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption and the establishment's schedule number, to upload data files to a secure BLS server and forwards those files to the assigned BLS field economist.

Some benefits (called "Other benefits") data are collected to track the emergence of new or changing benefits over time. The BLS only asks whether sampled occupations receive these benefits and periodically modifies this list. With this clearance, BLS is

removing subsidized commuting and stock options from Other benefit collection. BLS is adding the collection of student loan repayments and flexible work schedules.

**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 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.

- 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.

*Title of Collection:* National Compensation Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0164.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and State, local, and tribal government.

*Total Respondents:* 15,863 (three-year average).

All figures are based on a three-year average. The total responses are higher as some respondents are contacted multiple times.

	Respondents	Average responses per year	Total number of responses	Average minutes	Total hours
Three-year average .....	15863	3.1579	50094	52.96685	44222

**COLLECTION FORMS**

National Compensation Survey (Private Industry sample).	NCS 18-1P, NCS 18-2P, NCS 18-5P, NCS-9P, SO-1003P, E-update, IDCF.	Establishment Form, Earnings Form, Benefits Form, Earning Update Form, Benefits Update Form, E-update Screen, NCS IDCF Screen.
National Compensation Survey (State and local government sample).	NCS 18-1G, NCS 18-2G, NCS 18-5G, NCS-9G, SO-1003G, E-update, IDCF.	Establishment Form, Earnings Form, Benefits Form, Earning Update Form, Benefits Update Form, E-update Screen, NCS IDCF Screen.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 14th day of November 2017.

**Kimberley Hill,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems.*

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

[NARA-2018-004]

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting; Records of Congress.

**SUMMARY:** We are announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the

Records of Congress, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The committee advises NARA on the full range of programs, policies, and plans for the Center for Legislative Archives in the Office of Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services (LPM).

**DATES:** This meeting will be on December 6, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Archivist's Reception Room, Room 105, Washington, DC 20408.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Shaver, by mail at the Center for Legislative Archives (LL), National Archives Building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20408, by telephone at (202) 357-5350, or by email at [sharon.shaver@nara.gov](mailto:sharon.shaver@nara.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public. However, due to space limitations and access procedures, you must submit the

name and telephone number of individuals planning to attend to the Center for Legislative Archives no later than Friday, December 1, 2017. The Center will provide additional instructions for accessing the meeting's location.

**Agenda**

- (1) Chair's opening remarks—Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
- (2) Recognition of co-chair—Secretary of the U.S. Senate
- (3) Recognition of the Archivist of the United States
- (4) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
- (5) House Archivist's report
- (6) Senate Archivist's report
- (7) Center for Legislative Archives update
- (8) Other current issues and new business