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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of Justice Programs

[OMB 1121—New]

#### Agency Information Collection Agencies: New Collection; Comments Requested; Census of Problem- Solving Courts 2011

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice of information collection under review.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, will be submitting the following information collection request for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 76, Number 166, pages 53489–53491, on August 26, 2011, allowing a 60-day public comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment until December 7, 2011. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments concerning this information collection should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: DOJ Desk Officer. The best way to ensure your comments are received is to email them to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax them to (202) 395-7285. All comments should reference the 8 digit OMB number for the collection or the title of the collection. If you have questions concerning the collection, please call Ron Malega at (202) 353-0487 or the DOJ Desk Officer at (202) 395-3176.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

1. 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;
  2. 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;
  3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
  4. Minimize the burden of 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.
- Overview of this information:
1. *Type of information collection:* New data collection, Census of Problem-Solving Courts (CPSC), 2011.
  2. *The title of the form/collection:* Census of Problem-Solving Courts or CPSC, 2011.
  3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form labels are CPSC, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.
  4. *Affected Public Who Will be Asked or Required to Respond, as well as a Brief Abstract:* Problem-solving courts at all levels of government. Abstract: The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) proposes to implement a Census of Problem-Solving Courts (CPSC). Problem-solving courts target defendants who have ongoing social and/or psychological conditions that underlie their repeated contact with the criminal justice system. Most of the existing information about problem-solving courts (PSC) consists of court evaluations or outcome analyses. No prior census of these courts has been conducted to date despite the substantial proliferation of such courts during the past thirty years. Hence, the CPSC will allow BJS to provide national level information on problem-solving courts and case processing statistics and it will also create a sampling frame of PSCs thereby enabling BJS to conduct future sample-based research on PSCs.

The CPSC is designed to provide BJS and other interested stakeholders with the first systematic empirical information on problem-solving courts. A goal of the census is to obtain information on problem-solving court operations, administration, and to generate accurate and reliable statistics on adult offenders who enter problem-

solving court programs. The CPSC will collect information on the following categories:

- a. Court Operations:
  - i. Does the court operate within the judiciary, have a dedicated judicial officer, or have a dedicated docket/calendar?
  - ii. Provide the number of problem-solving courts by type (e.g., mental health, drug, etc.)
  - iii. Determine PSCs level of government operations (e.g., local, state, etc.), court jurisdiction (e.g., limited, general, other) and intake of felony, misdemeanor, or status offenses
- b. Funding: Types and prevalence of PSC funding (e.g., local government budget, state budget, etc.)
- c. Commonly Used Services:
  - i. Count the types and prevalence of offender/victim services (e.g., anger management), counseling or treatment services (e.g., outpatient mental health treatment), and general supportive services (e.g., life skills)
  - d. Participant participation:
    - i. Participant inclusionary and exclusionary factors,
    - ii. Participant point of entry (e.g. pre-plea, post-plea/pre-sentence, etc.)
  - e. Capacity and Enrollment:
    - i. Total number of active participants PSC can manage at any one time
    - ii. Current number of active participants
  - f. Data Collection Practices:
    - i. Use of automated case management systems
    - ii. PSCs' ability to query information
  - g. PSC Participant information:
    - i. Percentage of program participants by age, gender, racial classification,
    - ii. Housing status
    - iii. Employment status
  - h. PSC information for calendar year 2011 only:
    - i. Number of people referred and admitted to PSCs,
    - ii. PSCs' average participant attendance to: Scheduled judicial, community supervision meetings, treatment sessions, and drug tests
    - iii. Number of participants exiting program,
    - iv. Number of participants by gender, race, and age.

Additionally, the information collected through this census will support development of a sampling framework to examine case processing information and case dispositions of adults in problem-solving courts. Information will be collected for the 2011 calendar year.

5. *An Estimate of the Total Number of Respondents and the Amount of Time Estimated for an Average Respondent to Respond:* Estimates suggest 3,800

respondents will take part in the Census of Problem-Solving Courts 2011. The average (mean) burden for each completed survey is almost 1 hour per respondent. The estimated range of burden for respondents is between 40 minutes to 2 hours for completion. The following factors were considered when creating the burden estimate: the total number of drug courts in the field, the total number of mental health courts, the ability of problem-solving courts (by type) to access data, and the type of data capabilities generally found in the field. Using these criteria, respondents were categorized into three groups depending upon whether they had the capacity to complete only part I or both parts (I&II) of the survey. Group A respondents will have the least access to data and complete only part one of the survey. Approximately 2,300 respondents will be in this group. It is estimated that respondents in group A will take 40 minutes to complete the survey. Group (B) respondents will complete part one of the survey and have access to only limited information necessary for part two of the survey. Approximately 1,200 respondents will be in this group. This second group of respondents will take about 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete a survey. The third group (C) of respondents will complete parts one and two of the survey; they will have the greatest access to the information required for part two of the survey. Approximately 300 respondents will be in group C. It is estimated it will take this group about 2 hours to complete the survey.

6. *An Estimate of the Total Public Burden (in hours) Associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 3,633 hours. Respondents were categorized into three groups depending upon whether they had the capacity to complete only part I or both parts (I & II) of the survey. Approximately 2,300 respondents will fall into the first group (A) of respondents, completing only part one of the survey. It is estimated that respondents in this group will take 40 minutes to complete a survey for a total of 1,533 hours. The second group (B) of respondents will complete part one of the survey and have access to only limited amount of information necessary for part two of the survey. The approximately 1,200 respondents in this second group of respondents will take about 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete a survey for a total of 1,500 hours. The third group (C) of respondents will complete parts one and two of the survey; they will have the greatest access to the information

required for part two of the survey. It is estimated it will take the estimated 300 respondents in this group about 2 hours each to complete a survey for a total of 600 hours. When the burden hours for each group of respondents are added up, the CPSC 2011 project sums to 3,633 hours (1,533 + 1,500 + 600 = 3,633).

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Suite 2E-508, Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program: Certifications for 2011 Under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Labor signed the annual certifications under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 U.S.C. 3301 *et seq.*, thereby enabling employers who make contributions to state unemployment funds to obtain certain credits against their liability for the federal unemployment tax. By letter, the certifications were transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury. The letter and certifications are printed below.

Signed in Washington, DC, October 31, 2011.

**Jane Oates,**  
*Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.*

October 31, 2011  
Honorable Timothy F. Geithner,  
Secretary of the Treasury,  
Department of the Treasury,  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,  
Washington, DC 20220.

Dear Secretary Geithner:

Transmitted herewith are an original and one copy of the certifications of the states and their unemployment compensation laws for the 12-month period ending on October 31, 2011. One is required with respect to the normal federal unemployment tax credit by Section 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), and the other is required with respect to the additional tax credit by Section

3303 of the IRC. Both certifications list all 53 jurisdictions.

Sincerely,  
Hilda L. Solis,  
*Secretary of Labor.*  
Enclosures

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, DC

#### CERTIFICATION OF STATES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY PURSUANT TO SECTION 3304(c) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3304(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 3304(c)), I hereby certify the following named states to the Secretary of the Treasury for the 12-month period ending on October 31, 2011, in regard to the unemployment compensation laws of those states which heretofore have been approved under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act:

Alabama  
Alaska  
Arizona  
Arkansas  
California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Florida  
Georgia  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Montana  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New Mexico  
New York  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Puerto Rico  
Rhode Island  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Vermont  
Virginia  
Virgin Islands  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin