

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Workforce Investment Act: Migrant and
Seasonal Farmworker Youth Program
Under WIA Section 127(b)(1)(A)(iii) and
Section 167**

AGENCY: Employment and Training
Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Data
Collection.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation process 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 process helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burdens are 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), in consultation with the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Employment and Training Advisory Committee, is soliciting comments concerning the proposed institution of a "reporting and performance standards system for the Youth Title I-D Section 167 National Farmworker Jobs Programs of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)". A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before March 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Alicia Fernandez-Mott, Chief, Division of Seasonal Farmworker Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-4641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-3729 (VOICE) or (202) 693-3818 (FAX) (these are not toll-free numbers) or INTERNET: afernandez@dola.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the information collection request are available for inspection in the Division of Seasonal Farmworker Programs at the above address, and will be mailed to persons who request copies

in writing from Alicia Fernandez-Mott at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Employment and Training Advisory Committee, is requesting approval for a new reporting and performance standards system for Youth Title I-D Section 167 National Farmworker Jobs Programs of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), youth grantees for three program years (July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2003). This is the first time since the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), that funds have been appropriated for farmworker youth activities. The Department has developed the following recommended planning and reporting requirements.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

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 burden estimate for 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 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 Action

This proposed ICR will be used by approximately 10 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) section 167 (d) youth grantees as the primary reporting and performance measurement vehicle for enrolled youths, their characteristics, training and services provided, outcomes, including job placement and retention, and attainment of basic skills, as well as detailed financial data on program expenditures.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Planning, reporting, and performance system for WIA title I-D,

Section 167(d) National Farmworker Jobs Program youth grantees.

OMB Number: 1205-0NEW.

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Assistance Number:

Record Keeping: Grantees shall retain supporting and other documents necessary for the compilation and submission of the subject reports for three years after submission of the final financial report for the grant in question [29 CFR 97.42 and/or 29 CFR 95.53].

Affected Public: State agencies; private, non-profit corporations.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc.: The collection instrument is the Youth, Title I-D, Section 167 National Farmworker Jobs Programs Planning, Reporting, and Performance System and related instructions. OMB-approved forms are provided for use in gathering information at the grantee field office level.

Total Respondents: 10.

Frequency: Annually for planning information; quarterly for both financial information and participation and characteristics information.

Total Annual Responses:

Planning—30 (one narrative, one Budget Information Summary, and one Program Planning Summary per grantee per year).

Participant Reporting—40 (one Program Status Summary per quarter, per grantee per year).

Participant Record Keeping (NFJP SPIR)—5,000 records.

There are four statutorily-required quarterly financial status reports per grantee per year, by year of appropriation. At this time, it is anticipated that the Standard Form (SF) 269 will be used to fulfill this requirement. Therefore, no separate collection/burden information for this standard form is being included here. For participation and characteristics information, there are four quarterly submissions per year, regardless of the year(s) of funding expended during the program year. There is only one format for the participation and characteristics report.

Average Time per Grantee Response: Annual Plan—5 hours (narrative only).

Budget Information Summary (BIS)—15 hours; [ETA 8595].

Program Planning Summary (PPS)—15 hours; [ETA 8596].

Program Status Summary (PSS)—7 hours; [ETA 8598].

Record Keeping (SPIR)—3 hours (per participant record).

The individual time per response varies widely depending on the degree of automation attained by individual grantees. Grantees also vary according to

the numbers of individuals served in each program year. If the grantee has a fully-developed and automated MIS, the response time is limited to one-time programming plus processing time for each response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

Total Burden Hours—15,630 hours per year.

Planning narrative (NFJP)—10 responses times 5 hours per response equals 50 burden hours.

BIS (NFJP)—10 responses times 15 hours per response equals 150 burden hours.

PPS (NFJP)—10 responses times 15 hours per response equals 150 burden hours.

PSS (NFJP)—4 responses per grantee times 7 hours per response times 10 grantees equals 280 burden hours.

Record Keeping (NFJP SPIR)—5,000 files times 3 hours per file equals 15,000 hours.

Even though no burden estimate for the SF-269 is included here, it should be noted that expenditures must be reported on by year of appropriation, regardless of the year in which the funds were expended. Thus, if more than one year's appropriation is expended in a given quarter, two FSR's (or more) must be submitted for that period.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):
\$0—.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):

Youth Title I-D National Farmworker Jobs Program—15,630 hours times \$15.00 per hour equals \$224,450.00.

Costs may vary widely among grantees, from nearly no additional cost to some higher figure, depending on the state of automation attained by each grantee and the wages paid to the staff actually completing the various forms. All costs associated with the submission of these forms are allowable grant expenses.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of January, 2001.

James C. DeLuca,

Acting Director, Office of National Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request; ERISA Technical Release 91-1

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 continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This 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 Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection request (ICR) incorporated in its Technical Release 91-1 related to the transfer of excess assets from a defined benefit plan to a retiree health benefits account. A copy of the ICR may be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the addresses section below on or before March 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 2000 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782; Fax: (202) 219-4745. These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

ERISA section 101(e) sets forth certain notice requirements which must be satisfied before an employer may transfer excess assets from a defined benefit plan to a retiree health benefits account as otherwise permissible after satisfying the conditions set forth in section 420 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Code). Section 101(e)(1) describes the plan administrator's obligation to provide advance written notification of such transfers to participants and beneficiaries. Section 101(e)(2)(A)

describes the employer's obligation to provide advance written notification to the Secretaries of Labor and Treasury, the administrator, and each employee organization representing participants in the plan. The requirements relating to advance notification of transfers to retiree health benefit accounts were added to ERISA as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508). The ICR included in ERISA Technical Release 9-1 provides guidance on the type of information to be provided in the notices to both the participants and beneficiaries and the Secretaries.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department 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; 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 submission of responses.

III. Current Action

This notice requests comments on the extension of the ICR included in ERISA Technical Release 91-1. The Department is not proposing or implementing changes to the existing ICR at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Agency: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

Titles: ERISA Technical Release 91-1.

OMB Number: 1210-0084.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 66.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Responses: 231,000.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,775.

Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$90,000.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or