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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of Decisions on States' Applications for Relief From Tax Credit Reductions Provided Under Section 3302 of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) Applicable in 2016

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Sections 3302(c)(2)(A) and 3302(d)(3) of the FUTA provide that employers in a State that has an outstanding balance of advances under Title XII of the Social Security Act at the beginning of January 1 of two or more consecutive years are subject to a reduction in credits otherwise available against the FUTA tax for the calendar year in which the most recent such January 1 occurs, if a balance of advances remains at the beginning of November 10 of that year. Further, section 3302(c)(2)(C) of FUTA provides for an additional credit reduction for a year if a State has outstanding advances on five or more consecutive January firsts and has a balance at the beginning of November 10 for such years. Section

3302(c)(2)(C) also provides for waiver of this additional credit reduction and substitution of the credit reduction provided in section 3302(c)(2)(B) if a state meets certain conditions.

California, Connecticut, Ohio, and the Virgin Islands passed January 1, 2016 with outstanding Title XII advances and were potentially subject to FUTA credit reductions.

California, Ohio, and the Virgin Islands applied for a waiver of the 2016 additional credit reduction under section 3302 (c)(2)(C) of FUTA and it has been determined that each one met all of the criteria of that section necessary to qualify for the waiver of the additional credit reduction. Further, the additional credit reduction of section 3302(c)(2)(B) is zero for these States for 2016. Therefore, employers in these States will have no additional credit reduction applied for calendar year 2016.

Connecticut and Ohio repaid all of their outstanding advance balances before the beginning of November 10, 2016. Therefore, employers in those States will have no reduction in FUTA offset credit for calendar year 2016.

California and the Virgin Islands will have a credit reduction of 1.8 for calendar year 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Comment Request; State Exchange on Employment and Disability (SEED) Initiative Implementation Evaluation Survey

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

**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/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 is properly assessed. Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the State Exchange on Employment and Disability (SEED) Initiative Implementation Evaluation Survey. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before January 23, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either one of the following methods:

*Email:* ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov; *Mail or Courier:* Cherise Hunter, Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S–1303, Washington, DC 20210.

*Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Cherise Hunter by email at [chiefevaluationoffice@dol.gov](mailto:chiefevaluationoffice@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background.

The proposed information collection activities described in this notice will provide data for the State Exchange on Employment and Disabilities (SEED) Evaluation. In the fall of 2015, The Office of Disability Employment (ODEP) launched the SEED initiative. The SEED initiative is designed to advance policy at the state and local levels that promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities through collaborative engagement of intermediary organizations that serve as value added interfaces between and among various levels of government and entities with overlapping interests. A formative evaluation of SEED has been undertaken to provide feedback and information to the SEED implementation team to make the initiative as efficient and effective as possible. This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on one proposed data collection instrument