

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Foreign Claims Settlement Commission**

[F.C.S.C. Meeting Notice No. 3-06]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR part 504) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 10 a.m.

SUBJECT MATTER: (1) Issuance of Proposed Decisions in claims against Albania.

(2) Issuance of Proposed Decisions in claims against Cuba.

STATUS: Open.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Washington DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting, may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6988.

Mauricio J. Tamargo,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Reporting and Performance Standards System for the Indian and Native American Programs Under Title I-D, Section 166 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998

ACTION: Notice.

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 (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.

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments on modified reporting requirements for the Indian and Native American programs. This information collection request is necessary in order to collect data for calculating a set of common performance measures of the outcomes achieved by the Indian and Native American programs. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice and also by accessing this Web site: <http://www.doleta.gov/Performance/guidance/OMBControlNumber.cfm>. In addition to the proposed ICR, ETA is requesting the extension of ETA Form 9080 (Financial Status Report). No changes are made to this form. Submit written comments to the office listed in the addressee section within 60 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail at: etaperforms@doleta.gov by using "OMB 1205-0422" in the subject line of the e-mail.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Ms. Athena R. Brown, Program Manager, Indian and Native American Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4311, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-3737 (this is not a toll-free number); fax: (202) 693-3818; e-mail: brown.athena@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Same information as **ADDRESSES** listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Each grantee administering funds under the Indian and Native American programs is currently required to submit a Comprehensive Services Program (CSP) Semi-Annual and Annual Program report (ETA Form 9084), a Supplemental Youth Services (SYS) Semi-Annual and Annual Program report (ETA Form 9085), a Standardized Participant Record Data report, and Financial Status reports (ETA Form 9080) for both programs. The ETA Form 9084 provides adult participation data regarding agreed upon performance goals for the program year, information for system-wide reporting, and an evaluation for program improvement,

and is the key means for measuring success in achieving goals of the program. The ETA Form 9085 provides cumulative data on youth participation, termination, performance outcomes, and socio-economic characteristics of participants. The information is used to determine the levels of program service and program accomplishments for the reporting program year. The ETA Form 9080 provides cumulative expenditure and obligation amounts for each funding stream. This information is used to ensure the appropriate use and management of Federal funds.

In 2001, under the President's Management Agenda, OMB and other Federal agencies developed a set of common performance measures to be applied to certain federally-funded employment and training programs with similar strategic goals. As part of this initiative, ETA recently issued Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 17-05, "Common Measures Policy for the Employment and Training Administration's Performance Accountability System and Related Performance Issues." The value of implementing common measures is the ability to describe, in a similar manner, the core purposes of the workforce system—how many people found jobs; did they keep their jobs; and what were their earnings. Multiple sets of performance measures have burdened states and grantees as they are required to report performance outcomes based on varying definitions and methodologies. By minimizing the different reporting and performance requirements, implementing a set of common performance measures can facilitate the integration of service delivery, reduce barriers to coordination among programs, and enhance the ability to assess the effectiveness and impact of the workforce investment system, including the performance of the system in serving individuals facing significant barriers to employment.

The common measures are an integral part of ETA's performance accountability system and ETA will continue to collect from grantees the data on program activities, participants, and outcomes that are necessary for program management and to convey complete and accurate information on the performance of workforce programs to policymakers and stakeholders.

This revision to the Indian and Native American programs' reporting system identifies changes in the level of information collection that is necessary to comply with Equal Opportunity requirements, holds grantees appropriately accountable for the Federal funds they receive, assesses