

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

Dated: April 25, 2008.

Gay M. Gilbert,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of the Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act; Extension With Changes to Approved Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

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. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning an extension with changes of the collection for the Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of the Strategic State Plan for title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

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 or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before July 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Janet Sten, Room C-4510 Telephone number: 202-693-3045 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: 202-693-3015. E-mail: Sten.Janet@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The purpose of this notice is to provide interested parties with the Planning Guidance for use by States in submitting their Strategic State Plan for title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act. The Planning Guidance and Instructions provide a framework for the collaboration of governors, local elected officials, businesses and other partners to continue the development of workforce investment systems that address customer needs, deliver integrated user-friendly services, and are accountable to the customers and the public.

The changes to this collection include a revision to the National Strategic Direction which introduces the information collection. This Strategic Direction was previously published in Training and Employment Guidance Letter 13-06. There are also minor technical and grammatical changes in the actual information collection, the State Planning Instructions.

II. Review Focus

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 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension with changes of approved collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of the Strategic State Plan for title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

OMB Number: 1205-0398.

Affected Public: [State, Local or Tribal Governments].

Total Respondents: 56.

Total Responses: 56.

Average Time per Response: 50 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,800 Hours.

Total Burden Cost: \$0.

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Dated: April 25, 2008.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Time and Date: 10 a.m., Thursday, May 15, 2008.

Place: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Status: Open.

Matters To Be Considered: The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session: *Secretary of Labor v. Phelps Dodge Tyrone, Inc.*, Docket No. CENT 2006-212-RM. (Issues include whether the Administrative Law Judge erred in concluding that an unplanned fire that was not extinguished within 30 minutes occurred and therefore that the operator violated the requirement of 30 CFR 50.10 that such an accident be reported to MSHA within 15 minutes.)

Any person attending this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR § 2706.150(a)(3) and § 2706.160(d).

Contact Person for More Info: Jean Ellen (202) 434-9950 / (202) 708-9300

for TDD Relay/1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

Jean H. Ellen,

Chief Docket Clerk.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend a Current Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. The National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of the proposed projects.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by July 7, 2008 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0062.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2008.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

1. Abstract

The Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS) is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. The GSS originated in 1966 and has been conducted annually since 1972. The GSS is a census of all departments in science, engineering and health fields within academic institutions with post-baccalaureate programs in the United States. The total number of respondents surveyed in 2006, the last year for which complete response rate data are available, was 12,321 departments located in 707 schools (reporting units) at 586 degree-granting institutions. The GSS is the only national survey that collects information on the characteristics of graduate enrollment for specific science, engineering and health disciplines at the department level. It collects information on race/ethnicity, citizenship, gender, sources of support, mechanisms of support, and enrollment status for graduate students; and gender, citizenship and sources of support for postdoctorates. It also collects counts by gender of other non-faculty research staff with doctorates.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “* * * provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The GSS is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the characteristics of academic graduate enrollment and postdoctoral components in science, engineering and health fields.

The GSS (along with other academic sector surveys from both NSF and the National Center of Education Statistics) is one of the inputs into the WebCASPAR data system. Among other uses, this NSF on-line database is used by NSF to review changing enrollment levels to assess the effects of NSF initiatives, to track student support patterns and to analyze participation in S&E fields by targeted groups for all

disciplines or for selected disciplines and for selected groups of institutions.

The Foundation also uses the GSS information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering* and *Science and Engineering Indicators*. A public use file is also made available on the world-wide Web.

Data are obtained primarily by Web survey (with paper worksheets made available upon request) and starts each fall in mid-October. The data are solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. All information will be used for statistical purposes only. Participation in the survey is voluntary.

2. Expected Respondents

The GSS is census of all eligible academic institutions in the U.S. with post-baccalaureate programs in science, engineering and health fields and their related departments. The response rate is calculated on the number of departments that respond to the survey.

3. Estimate of Burden

The initial GSS data request is sent to the designated respondent (School Coordinator) at each academic institution in the fall. The School Coordinator may complete or delegate all or part of forms 811 (listing of eligible departments, programs, research centers and health care facilities) and 812 (data collection form). In all cases, the School Coordinator is responsible for the Form 811. Usually, the School Coordinator delegates the Form 812 to departmental respondents. The amount of time it takes to provide the information on Forms 811 and 812 varies dramatically and depends to a large degree on the extent to which the school's records are centrally stored and computerized.

The 2007 GSS asked the School Coordinators to provide an estimate of the time spent in filling out Form 811 and the department respondents to estimate the time spent completing Form 812. The School Coordinators estimated the burden for completing Form 811 as 4.13 hours per school and the department respondents estimated 2.07 hours per department for completing Form 812. Using the 2007 estimates for the time required for the two forms and using the current 2007 number of schools (700) and departments (12,671) and assuming the same response rates as 2006 (96% for the schools and 97% for the departments), the total estimated respondent burden of the GSS would be 28,217 hours annually, for a total of