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- 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.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension with change of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0009.

*Agency Form Number:* ETA-203.

*Affected Public:* State Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 212.

*Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden (does not include hour costs):* \$0.

*Description:* The ETA-203 is the only source of current, consistent demographic information (age, race/ethnic, sex, occupation, industry) on the Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimant population. These characteristics identify important claimant cohorts for legislative, economic and social planning purposes, and evaluation of the UI program on the Federal and State levels. For additional information, see related notice published at Volume 73 FR 77062 on December 18, 2008.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* Placement Verification and Follow-up of Job Corps Participants.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0426.

*Agency Form Number:* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 73,373.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 15,593.

*Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden (does not include hour costs):* \$0.

*Description:* This submission requests approval of three primary and two secondary data collection instruments that will be used to collect follow-up data on individuals who have but are no longer actively participating in Job Corps. For additional information, see related notice published at Volume 74 FR 10776 on March 12, 2009.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* Employment and Training Administration Financial Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0461.

*Agency Form Number:* ETA-9130.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 848.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 3,392.

*Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden (does not include hour costs):* \$0.

*Description:* ETA utilizes the data on ETA-9130 to assess the effectiveness of ETA programs and to monitor and analyze the financial activity of its grantees. Pre-designed software is provided to the grantees to reflect the requirements of ETA Form 9130 so that the required data is reported directly into the Enterprise Information Management System (EIMS) by the grant recipients. This data collection format allows ETA to evaluate program effectiveness and to monitor and analyze financial activity, while complying with OMB efforts to streamline Federal financial reporting. The focus of all ETA reporting has been to provide ease and simplicity for the grantees. The specific instruction relating to the required data element is visible at each data entry point. Electronic financial reporting has significantly increased the timeliness of financial reporting. For additional information, see related notice published at Volume 74 FR 34592 on July 16, 2009.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* Recovery Act—Applications for Unemployment Insurance Modernization Incentive Payments.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0470.

*Agency Form Number:* N/A.

*Affected Public:* State Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 36.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 288.

*Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden (does not include hour costs):* \$0.

*Description:* Section 2003(f) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides for unemployment insurance (UI) "modernization incentive payments" to be made from the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF) to the states. The total amount available for all states is \$7 billion dollars. To obtain its share, the state must make an application to the Department of Labor demonstrating that its UI law contains certain benefit eligibility provisions. The last date on which an incentive distribution may be made is September 30, 2011. When applying for a share of the UI modernization incentive payments, a state must document that the provisions of its law meet the requirements for obtaining an incentive payment. The state is also required to describe how it intends to use any incentive payment to improve or strengthen its UI program. . For additional information, see related notices published at Volume 74 FR 9108 on March 2, 2009 and 74 FR 23886 on May 21, 2009.

**Darrin A. King,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the revision of the "The

Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.” A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before November 30, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202-691-5111 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Surveys collect data on consumer expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CE Surveys have been ongoing since 1979.

The data from the CE Surveys are used (1) for CPI revisions, (2) to provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation, and (3) to provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal

Government agencies. Public and private users of price statistics, including Congress and the economic policymaking agencies of the Executive branch, rely on data collected in the CPI in their day-to-day activities. Hence, data users and policymakers widely accept the need to improve the process used for revising the CPI. If the CE Surveys were not conducted on a continuing basis, current information necessary for more timely, as well as more accurate, updating of the CPI would not be available. In addition, data would not be available to respond to the continuing demand from the public and private sectors for current information on consumer spending.

In the Quarterly Interview Survey, each consumer unit (CU) in the sample is interviewed every three months over five calendar quarters. The sample for each quarter is divided into three panels, with CUs being interviewed every three months in the same panel of every quarter. The Quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect data on the types of expenditures that respondents can be expected to recall for a period of three months or longer. In general the expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the

Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

The continuing CE Surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis and obtain data for future CPI revisions.

The Consumer Expenditure program is planning several tests over the next several years in an effort to improve the CE surveys in the areas of both data quality and respondent burden.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.
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*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0050.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Estimated total burden
CEQ—Interview .....	8,825	4	35,300	65 minutes .....	38,242
CEQ—Reinterview .....	4,000	1	4,000	10 minutes .....	667
CED—Diary (record-keeping) .....	7,050	2	14,100	105 minutes .....	24,675
CED—Diary (Interview) .....	7,050	3	21,150	25 minutes .....	8,813
CED—Diary (Reinterview) .....	1,300	1	1,300	10 minutes .....	217
Totals .....	.....	.....	75,850	.....	72,614

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the

information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of September 2009.

**Kimberley D. Hill,**

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