

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collection, Comment Request****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 can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the "Veterans Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS)," to be conducted in July 2010, August 2011, and August 2012.

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 *April 5, 2010*.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628. (See Addresses section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The CPS has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployment since 1940 (70 years). Collection of labor force data through the CPS is necessary to meet the requirements in Title 29, United States Code, Sections 1 and 2. The Veterans Supplement provides information on the labor force status of veterans with a service-connected disability, combat veterans, past or present National Guard and Reserve members, and recently

discharged veterans. Also, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Vietnam veterans are identified by theater of service. Data are provided by period of service and a range of demographic characteristics. The supplement also provides information on veterans' participation in various transition and employment and training programs. The data collected through this supplement will be used by the Veterans Employment and Training Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine policies that better meet the needs of our Nation's veteran population.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the Veterans Supplement to the CPS. A reinstatement, with change, of this previously approved collection, for which approval has expired, is needed to provide the Nation with timely information about the labor force status of veterans with a service-connected disability, combat veterans, past or present National Guard and Reserve members, recently discharged veterans, and veterans who have served in Afghanistan, Iraq, or Vietnam.

**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.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- 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.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Veterans Supplement to the CPS.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0102.

*Affected Public:* Households.

*Total Respondents:* 11,000.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 11,000.

*Average Time Per Response:*

Approximately 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 367 hours.

*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 27th day of January 2010.

**Kim Hill,**

*Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Comment Request for Information Collection for Workforce Investment Act National Emergency Grant Program: Application and Reporting Procedures (OMB Control No. 1205-0439), Extension Without Revisions**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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