

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**

[OMB Number 1140-0024]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested: Report of Firearms Transactions**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice of Information Collection.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 76, Number 220, page 70755, on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until February 22, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden or associated response time, should be directed to The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-5806.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- 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 agencies 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.

Summary of Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Report of Firearms Transactions.

(3) *Form Number:* ATF F 5300.5. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Business or other for-profit. *Other:* None.

Need for Collection

The information collection documents transactions of firearms for law enforcement purposes. ATF uses the information to determine that the transaction is in accordance with laws and regulations, and establishes the person(s) involved in the transactions.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 790 respondents will complete a 1 hour form.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: There are an estimated 790 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, Room 2E-508, 145 N Street NE., Washington, DC 20530.

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Department Clearance Officer, PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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BILLING CODE 4410-FY-P**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Comment Request for Information Collection for the H-1B Technical Skills Training (H-1B) and the H-1B Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge (JIAC) Grant Programs, New Collection****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 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. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about H-1B Technical Skills Training (H-1B) [SGA/DFA PY-10-13] and H-1B Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge (JIAC) [SGA/DFA PY-10-15] grant programs. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room C-4518, Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Sarah Sunderlin. Telephone number: (202) 693-3949 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: (202) 693-3890. Email: dsi@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

In applying for both H-1B grant programs, grantees agree to submit participant-level data and quarterly aggregate reports for individuals who receive services through H-1B programs and their partnerships with business-related nonprofit organizations, education and training providers, including community colleges and other community-based organizations, entities involved in administering the workforce investment system established under Title I of WIA, and economic development agencies, among others. The reports include aggregate data on demographic characteristics, types of services received, placements, outcomes, and follow-up status. Specifically, they summarize data on participants who received employment and training services, placement services, and other services essential to

successful unsubsidized employment through H-1B programs.

This document requests approval for a new information collection to meet the (1) reporting, (2) recordkeeping and (3) program evaluation requirements of both H-1B grant programs through an ETA-provided, Web-based Management Information System (MIS).

Three outcome measures will be used to measure success in the H-1B grants: Entered employment rate, employment retention rate (this includes incumbent workers who retain their positions or advance into new positions and get wage gains after the program), and the average six-month post-program earnings. All of these conform to the common performance measures implemented across Federal job training programs as of July 1, 2005. By standardizing the reporting and performance requirements of different programs, the common measures give ETA the ability to compare across programs the core goals of the workforce system—how many people entered jobs; how many stay employed; and how many successfully completed an educational or vocational training program. In addition to the three outcome measures, grantees will report on a number of leading indicators that serve as predictors of success. These include placement into unsubsidized jobs, attainment of degrees or certificates, placement into post-secondary education or vocational training, on-the-job training (OJT), classroom occupational training, contextualized learning, distance learning, and customized training, including incumbent worker training, and placement into high-growth industries and occupations.

Although the common measures are an integral part of ETA's performance accountability system, these measures provide only part of the information necessary to effectively oversee the

workforce investment system. ETA also collects data from H-1B grantees on program activities, participants, and outcomes that are necessary for effective program management and conveying full and accurate information on the performance of H-1B programs to policymakers and stakeholders.

This information collection maintains a reporting and recordkeeping system for a minimum level of information collection that is necessary to comply with Equal Opportunity requirements, to hold H-1B grantees appropriately accountable for the Federal funds they receive, including common performance measures, and to allow the Department to fulfill its oversight and management responsibilities.

The information collection for program evaluation includes setting up a Participant Tracking System (PTS) through the MIS with baseline information similar to the quarterly reports but at the individual participant level. The baseline data covered by this clearance will enable the evaluation to describe the characteristics of study participants at the time they are randomly assigned to a treatment or control group, ensure that random assignment was conducted properly, create subgroups for the analysis, provide contact information to locate individuals for follow-up surveys, and improve the precision of the impact estimates. Such data will be collected on the basis that the evaluation will consist of an experimental design employing random assignment of participants into treatment and control groups. A Web-based PTS will execute the random assignment procedures and compile baseline data on study sample members. This PTS will assure that participant data will be in a consistent format across sites.

A rigorous program evaluation also requires clear and specific documentation of the services provided

to treatment group members in each of the grantee sites and the services available to control group members. This qualitative information will enable the evaluation to describe the program design and operations in each site, interpret the impact analysis results, and identify lessons learned for purposes of program replication. The process study site visits will include semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions with various program stakeholders.

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: New collection.

Title: H-1B Technical Skills Training and H-1B Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge grant programs.

OMB Number: OMB Control Number 1205-0NEW.

ESTIMATED TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Form/activity	Estimated total respondents	Frequency	Total annual response	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours	Hourly rate for data entry person (\$)	Total annual burden cost (\$)
Participant Data Collection (including baseline data for evaluation).	85 Grantees, 12,000 participants.	Continual	12,000	2.66	31,920	14.37	458,690.4
Quarterly Narrative Progress Report.	85 Grantees, 12,000 participants.	Quarterly	340	10	3400	14.37	48,858
Quarterly Performance Report.	85 Grantees, 12,000 participants.	Quarterly	340	10	3400	14.37	48,858
Site Visit Data Collection.	150 total staff	Twice	300	1 hour	300	18.76	5,628

ESTIMATED TOTAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Form/activity	Estimated total respondents	Frequency	Total annual response	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours	Hourly rate for data entry person (\$)	Total annual burden cost (\$)
Totals	12,980	23.66	39,020	562,034.4

Affected Public: H-1B Grantees and program participants.

Form(s): Total Annual Respondents: 85 grantees.

Annual Frequency: Quarterly.

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: Signed in Washington, DC, on this 17th day of January 2012.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Labor Condition Application for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Non-Immigrants

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, "Labor Condition Application for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Non-immigrants," (Form ETA-9035 and ETA-9035E) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site, <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at (202) 693-4129 (this is not

a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: (202) 395-6929/Fax: (202) 395-6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at (202) 693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection is required by Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sections 212(n) and (t) and 214(c). See 8 U.S.C. 1182(n) and (t) and 1184(c). The DOL and Department of Homeland Security have promulgated regulations to implement the INA. Specifically for this collection, 20 CFR 655 Subparts H and I and 8 CFR 214.2(h)(4) are applicable. The INA mandates that no alien may enter the U.S. for the purpose of performing professional work on a temporary basis unless the U.S. employer has attested to the Secretary of Labor that the working conditions for the alien will not adversely affect the working conditions of similarly employed U.S. workers; that the salary will be at least the prevailing wage for the occupational classification in the area of employment or the actual wage paid by the employer to all other individuals with similar experience and qualifications for the specific employment in question, whichever is higher; that there is no strike or lockout in the course of a labor dispute in the occupational classification at the place of employment; and that the employer has met all other requirements of the program as specified in the regulations.

The information collection instruments are used by employers seeking to use non-immigrants (H-1B, H-1B1, E-3) in specialty occupations and as fashion models or by interested parties who want to report violations. The information permits the DOL to meet its statutory responsibilities for

program administration, management, and oversight.

The DOL has identified this ICR as a revision because of two minor changes. Specifically, this submission includes an acknowledgement sheet for Form ETA 9035 and ETA-9035E and removes appendix materials that are now obsolete. These changes have not altered the burden estimates.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1205-0310. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2012; however, it should be noted that information collections submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2011 (76 FR 64109).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1205-0310. The OMB 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,