

6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on April 22, 2015 (80 FR 22551).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 19, 2015. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 8, 2015 (80 FR 32411).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Members of SGIP 2.0, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on September 25, 2015, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Members of SGIP 2.0, Inc. (“MSGIP 2.0”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Coergon, Boulder, CO; CleanSpark LLC, Poway, CA; Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, St. Paul, MN; Indra Systems Inc., Miami, FL; Energy Surety Partners LLC, Phoenix, AZ; and Jamaica Public Service Company Ltd., Kingston 5, JAMAICA, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Gas Technology Institute, Des Moines, IA; MidAmerican Energy Company, Davenport, IA; Opower, Arlington, VA; Businnovation, LLC, Basking Ridge, NJ; and Machine-to-Machine Intelligence Corporation (M2Mi), Moffett Field, CA, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and MSGIP 2.0 intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On February 5, 2013, MSGIP 2.0 filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section

6(b) of the Act on March 7, 2013 (78 FR 14836).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 29, 2015. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 29, 2015 (80 FR 45233).

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request for Information Collection on Employment and Training (ET) Handbook 361, Unemployment Insurance (UI) Data Validation (DV), Extension With Revisions

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the 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 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps 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, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data for the UI DV program. Collection authority for this program expires May 31, 2016.

DATES: Submit written comments to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before December 22, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Rachel Beistel, Room S-4519, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-2736 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Email:

Beistel.Rachel@dol.gov. To obtain a copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR), please contact the person listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 303(a)(6) of the Social Security Act specifies that the Secretary of Labor will not certify State UI programs to receive administrative grants unless the State’s law includes provisions for: making of such reports . . . as the Secretary of Labor may from time to time require, and compliance with such provisions as the Secretary may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

The Department considers data validation one of those “provisions . . . necessary to assure the correctness and verification” of the reports it requires.

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires Federal agencies to develop annual and strategic performance plans that establish performance goals, have concrete indicators of the extent that goals are achieved, and set performance targets. Each year, the agency is to issue a report that “evaluate[s] the performance plan for the current fiscal year relative to the performance goals achieved toward the performance goals in the fiscal year covered by the report.” Section 1116 (d)(2) of OMB Circular A-11, which implements the GPRA process, cites the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000 to emphasize the need for data validation by requiring that the agency’s annual performance report “contain an assessment of the completeness and reliability of the performance data included in it [that] . . . describes any material inadequacies in the completeness and reliability of the data.” (OMB Circular A-11, Section 230.2 (f)). The Department emphasizes the importance of complete and accurate information for program monitoring and improving program performance.

The UI DV program employs a refined and automated approach to review 322 elements reported on 13 benefits reports and one tax report. The Department uses many of these elements for key performance measures as well as for workload analysis.

The validation process assesses the validity (accuracy) of the counts of transactions or measurements of status as follows. Guided by a detailed handbook, the state first constructs extract files containing all pertinent individual transactions for the desired report period to be validated. These transactions are grouped into 16 benefits