

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 9th day of November 2017.

**Kimberley D. Hill,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Bureau of Labor Statistics**

**Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**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. 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 on the proposed extension without change of a currently approved collection of the “*Labor Market Information (LMI) Cooperative Agreement application package.*” A copy of the proposed information collection request 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 JANUARY 16, 2018.

**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 BLS enters into Cooperative Agreements with State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) annually to provide financial assistance to the SWAs for the production and operation of the following LMI statistical programs: Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, and Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. The Cooperative Agreement provides the basis for managing the administrative and financial aspects of these programs.

The existing collection of information allows Federal staff to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement with the SWAs and monitor their financial and programmatic performance and adherence to administrative requirements imposed by the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 CFR 200) and other grant related regulations. The information collected also is used for planning and budgeting at the Federal level and in meeting Federal reporting requirements.

The Cooperative Agreement application package being submitted for approval is representative of the package sent every year to state agencies. The work statements included

in the Cooperative Agreement application also are representative of what is included in the whole LMI Cooperative Agreement package. The final Cooperative Agreement, including the work statements, will be submitted separately to the Office of Management and Budget for review of any minor year-to-year information collection burden changes they may contain.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the LMI Cooperative Agreement application package.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The BLS 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.

*Title of Collection:* Labor Market Information (LMI) Cooperative Agreement Application Package.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0079.

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

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

*Frequency:* Monthly, quarterly, annually.

Information collection	Respondents	Frequency	Responses	Time	Total hours
Work Statements .....	54	1	54	1-2 hr .....	54-108
BIF (LMI 1A) .....	54	1	54	1-6 hr .....	54-324
BIF (LMI 1B) .....	0-30	1	0-30	1-6 hr .....	0-180
Quarterly Automated Financial Reports .....	48	4	192	10-50 min .....	32-160
Monthly Automated Financial Reports .....	48	8*	384	5-25 min .....	32-160
BLS Cooperative Statistics Financial Report (LMI 2A) .....	7	12	84	1-5 hr .....	84-420
Quarterly Status Report (LMI 2B) .....	0-30	4	0-120	1 hr .....	0-120
Budget Variance Request Form .....	0-54	1	0-54	5-25 min .....	0-23
Transmittal and Certification Form .....	54	1	54	5-10 min .....	4.5-9
FRW-A: Base Programs .....	54	1	54	20-30 min .....	18-27
FRW-B: AAMC .....	0-30	1	0-30	20-30 min .....	0-15
Property Listing .....	0-54	1	0-54	20-30 min .....	0-27

Information collection	Respondents	Frequency	Responses	Time	Total hours
Total .....	54	.....	876–1,164	.....	278.5–1573
Average Totals .....	54	.....	1,020	.....	925.75

\* Reports are not received for end-of-quarter months, i.e., December, March, June, and September.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219–0066]

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Permissible Equipment Testing

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**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 collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection for Permissible Equipment Testing.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before January 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA–2017–0034.

- *Regular Mail:* Send comments to USDOL–MSHA, Office of Standards,

Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202–5452.

- *Hand Delivery:* USDOL–Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202–5452. Sign in at the receptionist’s desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sheila McConnell, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at [MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov](mailto:MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov) (email); (202) 693–9440 (voice); or (202) 693–9441 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes MSHA to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811, authorizes the Secretary of Labor to develop, promulgate, and revise as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal or other mines.

MSHA is responsible for the inspection, testing approval and certification, and quality control of mining equipment and components, materials, instruments, and explosives used in both underground and surface coal, metal, and nonmetal mines. Title 30 Code of Federal Regulations parts 6 through 36 contain procedures by which manufacturers may apply for and have equipment approved as “permissible” for use in mines.

#### II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Permissible Equipment Testing. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Suggest methods to 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.

The information collection request will be available on <http://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

The public may also examine publicly available documents at USDOL–Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202–5452. Sign in at the receptionist’s desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

#### III. Current Actions

This request for collection of information contains provisions for Permissible Equipment Testing. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request.

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

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*OMB Number:* 1219–0066.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 139.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Responses:* 296.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,198 hours.

*Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost:* \$1,732,175.

*MSHA Forms:* MSHA Form 2000–38, Electrically Operated Mining Equipment U.S. Department of Labor Field Approval Application (Coal Operator).