

The company plans to manufacture the listed controlled substances in bulk for either internal use or for sale to its customers. Thebaine (9333) will be used to manufacture other controlled substances for sale in bulk to its customers.

Dated: January 4, 2018.

**Susan A. Gibson,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of a Virtual Meeting of the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and its implementing regulations, notice is hereby given to announce a virtual meeting of the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. The Task Force will convene its second meeting virtually; information on how to access this meeting is provided below and will be prominently posted on the Task Force's homepage: <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/task-force.htm>. The Task Force is a FACA committee established by Presidential Executive Order that is charged with identifying strategies and proposals to promote and expand apprenticeships, especially in sectors where apprenticeship programs are insufficient. The Task Force is solely advisory in nature, and will consider reports, comments, research, evidence, and existing practices as appropriate to develop recommendations for inclusion in its final report to the President. A virtual meeting of the Task Force provides cost savings to the government while still offering a venue that allows for public participation and transparency, as required by FACA. To achieve its mission, the Task Force will likely convene four meetings between February and May 2018; two meetings will convene virtually and two meetings will convene in person.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, and adjourn at approximately 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will convene virtually. Any updates to the agenda

and meeting logistics will be posted on the Task Force homepage at: <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/task-force.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diane A. Jones, Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, Telephone: (202) 693-2700 (this is not a toll-free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Virtual Meeting Log-In Instructions

In order to promote openness and increase public participation, webinar and audio conference technology will be used throughout the meeting. Webinar and audio instructions will be prominently posted on the Task Force homepage at: <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/task-force.htm>.

##### II. Task Force Meeting Schedule

The Task Force is charged with identifying strategies and proposals to promote apprenticeships, especially in sectors where apprenticeship programs are insufficient. Upon completion of its work, the Task Force shall submit to the President of the United States a final report detailing these strategies and proposals. To achieve its mission, the Task Force will likely convene four meetings between February and May 2018. The remaining meeting dates for the 2018 calendar year will be posted on the Task Force homepage and subsequent **Federal Register** Notices will be published.

##### III. Task Force Subcommittees

Pursuant to the Executive Order and the Task Force Charter, the final report must specifically address the following four topics: (1) Federal initiatives to promote apprenticeships; (2) administrative and legislative reforms that would facilitate the formation and success of apprenticeship programs; (3) the most effective strategies for creating industry-recognized apprenticeships; and (4) the most effective strategies for amplifying and encouraging private-sector initiatives to promote apprenticeships. In order to accomplish this goal, Secretary R. Alexander Acosta established the following four subcommittees.

1. *Expanding Access, Equity and Career Awareness Subcommittee*
2. *Administrative and Regulatory Strategies to Expand Apprenticeship Subcommittee*
3. *Attracting Business to Apprenticeship Subcommittee*
4. *Education and Credentialing Subcommittee*

Interested parties can obtain further meeting details and subcommittee descriptions on the Task Force website: <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/task-force.htm>.

#### *Notice of Intent to Attend the Meeting and Submission of a Written Statement:*

Interested members of the public must register for the virtual Task Force meeting by Thursday, January 25, 2018, via the public registration website using the following link: <https://secure.thegate.com/dol-aetf-reg/>.

Additionally, individuals with special needs and/or disabilities that will require special accommodations should send an email to [Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov](mailto:Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov) with the subject line "Special Accommodations for the February 2018 Virtual Task Force Meeting" no later than Thursday, January 25, 2018.

The tentative agenda for this meeting includes the following:

- Updates Since November 2017 Meeting
- Overview and Status Report on the Work of the Subcommittees
- Taking Apprenticeship to Scale
- Next Meeting and Next Steps

Also in the interest of increasing public participation, any member of the public who wishes to provide a written statement should send it via electronic mail to [Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov](mailto:Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov), subject line "Public Comment February 2018 Virtual Task Force Meeting." The agenda and meeting logistics may be updated between the time of this publication and the scheduled date of the Task Force meeting. All meeting updates will be posted to the Task Force website: <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/task-force.htm>.

**Rosemary Lahasky,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Cognitive and Psychological Research

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Cognitive and Psychological Research," to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before February 15, 2018.

**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 free of charge from the RegInfo.gov website at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201708-112201-004](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201708-112201-004) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Cognitive and Psychological Research information collection. The BLS Behavioral Science Research Center (BSRC) conducts psychological research focusing on the design and execution of the data collection process in order to improve the quality of data collected by the Bureau. The research is aimed at improving data collection quality by assessing questionnaire/form management and administration, as well as issues that relate to interviewer training and interaction with respondents during the interview process. BSRC staff work closely with economists and/or program specialists responsible for defining the concepts to

be measured by BLS collection programs. This laboratory research enhances BLS survey data quality. Improvements are made by examining psychological and cognitive aspects of BLS data collection procedures, including questionnaire design, interviewing procedures, collection modalities, and administrative technology. The BLS Authorizing Statute authorizes this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 1, 2.

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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1220-0141.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2018. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2017 (82 FR 35826).

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 thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1220-0141. 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, 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:* DOL-BLS.

*Title of Collection:* Cognitive and Psychological Research.

*OMB Control Number:* 1220-0141.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and Individuals and Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 18,300.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 18,300.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 6,300 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

Dated: January 8, 2018.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## 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 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). 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 revision of the “*Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program*”. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual