

- evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s burden estimate of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;
- 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—for example, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. *Current Actions:* At this time, the Department of Labor is requesting clearance for the semi-structured interviews with program administrators, frontline staff, and partner staff, and the focus groups with employers, program participants, and program administrators as part of the implementation study as well as the follow-up survey with a subset of sample members in the impact study.

Type of Review: New information collection request.

OMB Control Number: 1290–0NEW.

Affected Public: REO program staff, evaluation participants, local employers, and partner agency staff.

Comments submitted in response to this 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.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Type of instrument	Number of respondents ^a	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden time per response (hours)	Annual estimated burden hours ^a
Semi-structured interview: Grant administrators ^b	19	1	19	3	57
Semi-structured interview: Frontline staff ^b	196	1	196	1	196
Semi-structured interview: Partner-staff administrators ^b	28	1	28	1	28
Semi-structured interview: Intermediary grant administrators ^b	6	1	6	1.5	9
Participant focus groups ^c	75	1	75	1	75
Employer focus groups ^d	37	1	37	1	37
Semi-structured telephone calls ^e	58	1	58	2	116
Virtual focus groups ^f	45	1	45	1	45
Follow-up survey ^g	630	1	630	.33	208
Total	1,094	1,094	771

^a All annual totals reflect a three year clearance and study data collection period. Estimates are rounded to the nearest whole number.

^b Assumes each visit will, on average, involve individual or group interviews with approximately 2 grant administrators, approximately 3 partner-staff administrators, and approximately 21 frontline staff. The team anticipates completing approximately 28 visits in total. The average burden time per response for the grant administrator interviews will be 3 hours. The average burden time per response for the partner-staff administrator interviews will be 1 hour. The average burden time per response for the frontline staff interviews will be 1 hour. For all types of staff, some meetings will be shorter and some will be longer than the averages. Additionally, the team anticipates conducting interviews with approximately 3 intermediary grant administrators in approximately 6 of the 28 visits. The intermediary grant administrator interviews will be approximately 1.5 hours, on average.

^c Assumes each participant focus group will, on average, involve 8 individuals and will be conducted in approximately 28 sites. The average burden time per response will be 1 hour.

^d Assumes each employer focus group will, on average, involve 4 individuals and will be conducted in approximately 28 sites. The average burden time per response will be 1 hour.

^e Assumes each phone interview will be conducted with approximately 3 program administrators from each of approximately 58 sites. The average length of the phone interview will be two hours.

^f Assumes approximately 15 virtual focus groups with approximately 9 program administrators participating per group. The average burden time per response will be 1 hour.

^g Assumes a follow-up survey will be conducted with approximately 1,890 study participants. The average burden time per response will be 20 minutes.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Department of Labor’s Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Department of Labor’s annual report on its alternative fuel vehicle acquisitions for fiscal year 2018.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and subsequent amendments, this notice announces the availability of fiscal year 2018 report that summarizes the U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) compliance with the annual alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirement for its vehicle fleet. The website also contains the Department’s annual reports for fiscal years 1999–2017. Additionally, the reports include data relative to the agency’s effort in reducing petroleum consumption. The report issued next year in 2020 shall be DOL’s final report submitted under the Energy Policy Act.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for

Administration and Management, Business Operations Center, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S1520, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Gilbert-Miller, Sustainability and Fleet Manager, at (202) 693–6662 or email Gilbert.Susan.J@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211–13219), as amended by the Energy Conservation and Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–388, section 310(b)(3)), and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58, section 705), were intended to decrease the country’s dependence on petroleum for transportation purposes. The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires

Federal fleets to acquire 75 percent of their new covered vehicle acquisitions as alternative fuel vehicles. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218 of the Energy Policy Act, DOL and other covered agencies are required annually to submit to Congress reports on their Energy Policy Act alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirements. These reports must also be placed on an available website and their availability, including the website address, must be published in the **Federal Register**. The 2019 penultimate report is required to include an announcement that the report for the next year shall be the final report. DOL annual reports for fiscal years 1999 through 2018 may be accessed at the DOL Fleet Information and Regulations website at <https://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/boc/EPAct.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Evaluation of Strategies Used in TechHire and Strengthening Working Families Initiative (SWFI) Grant Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), 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). 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 is properly assessed. Currently, DOL is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Evaluation of Strategies Used in TechHire and SWFI Grant Programs. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by

contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 6, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either one of the following methods: *Email:* ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov; *Mail or Courier:* Christina Yancey, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christina Yancey by email at ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov or by phone at (202)693-5910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Chief Evaluation Office (CEO), in collaboration with the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), of DOL seeks to build evidence about effective approaches to prepare Americans with skills and connect them to well-paying, middle- and high-skilled, and high growth jobs in H-IB industries (such as IT, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, financial services, and broadband). The evaluation will advance the evidence on innovative approaches being used to meet these goals in the TechHire Partnership (TechHire) and Strengthening Working Families Initiative (SWFI) grant programs. The evaluation will include two components, an implementation study and an impact study. This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on the proposed data collection instrument that will be used in the last stage of the impact study. The goal of the impact study is to provide rigorous evidence on the effectiveness of strategies used in the TechHire and SFWI grant programs. The impact study consists of both a randomized controlled trial (RCT) and a quasi-experimental design (QED) evaluation. Five grantees have been selected to participate in an RCT. The QED includes all 53 TechHire and SWFI grantees and uses the pooled RCT

control group as the comparison group using propensity score matching. The QED will collect data from an existing wage record data. It will also use data from the implementation study in an effort to analyze how variation in program correlates with implementation factors.

In January 2018, OMB approved the baseline data collection for this evaluation (OMB 1290-0014), which includes a baseline information form (BIF), 6-month follow-up participant survey, a participant tracking form, and a first round of site visit interviews. A second data collection for this evaluation is currently under review by OMB. This second collection includes a survey of grantees, semi-structured telephone interviews with grantees, a template for partner contact information, a survey of partners, semi-structured telephone interviews with partners, and a second round of site visit interviews. This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on the proposed data collection instrument that will be used in the last stage of this evaluation.

- *18-month participant follow-up survey.* The 18 month follow-up survey is the last piece of data collection required for this study. It will be administered 18 months after random assignment, to both the treatment and control groups. The purpose of the survey is to collect information on outcomes not available in existing data. These include current and past employment situation, hours worked, wages, shift work, employer benefits, job search activities, job satisfaction, promotion, education and training participation, criminal justice involvement, and childcare. The information will be delivered via a web survey, with three reminders sent via text message, email, and additional follow-up via telephone and field locator engagement.

II. Desired Focus of Comments:

Currently, DOL is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the Evaluation of Strategies Use in the TechHire and SWFI programs. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- evaluate the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;