

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, 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 consolidated Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Program.

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 or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBCN/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before March 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Christine Ollis; Telephone number: 202-693-3937 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: 202-693-3587. E-mail: ollis.christine@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Data on the consolidated WOTC Program will be collected by the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) and

provided to the Division of Adult Services, Office of Workforce Investment, Washington, DC, through the appropriate Department of Labor (DOL) regional offices via a quarterly management report. The data obtained from the administrative or processing forms will be used for WOTC national office program performance management and outcome reporting.

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

This is a request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) to extend, with revisions, the collection of information and use of program materials for the consolidated WOTC Program. On May 25, 2007 the President signed into law the *Small Business and Work Opportunity Tax Act of 2007* (Pub. L. 110-28). Section 8211 of this Act extended and modified the WOTC Program for a continuing 44-month period through August 31, 2011. The new provisions & amendments to certain target groups apply to new hires that begin to work for an employer after May 25. Another recent legislation, the *Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006* (Pub. L. 109-432) signed into law on

December 20, 2006 extended, retroactively, the WOTC for two additional years through December 31, 2007 and consolidated the program by merging the Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit into the WOTC. Section 105 of this Act also made various amendments and introduced new provisions that streamline the program and make it easier for the business sector to participate. The statutory changes and new provisions required that the following program report, processing and administrative forms, and materials be revised and updated to reflect the new changes and provisions: (1) ETA Form 9058—Report 1; (2) ETA Forms 9057, 9059, 9061-9063, and 9065; (3) ETA Handbook 408, Fourth Edition, November 2007; and (4) the Technical Assistance and Compliance Review Guide.

Further, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-277) requires that, when feasible, Federal agencies design and implement the use of automated systems that facilitate the electronic signature and filing of forms (by participants) to conduct official business with the public by 2003. The Division of Adult Services, Office of Workforce Investment, complied with this requirement by successfully implementing an electronic reporting system for the tax credit program and the WOTC quarterly report. The automated reporting system is known as ETA's Enterprise Business Support System (EBSS) Tax Credit Reporting System (TCRS). The EBSS/TCRS is a Web-based system that allows states to meet the reporting responsibilities in a more efficient manner while reducing the reporting burden on the state, regional, and national levels. Through this system, states can manually enter or electronically upload the required quarterly data report, ETA Form 9058—Report 1.

Type of Review: Revision of Currently Approved Collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program.

OMB Number: 1205-0371.

Estimated Time per Respondent:

Requirement	Total respondents	Frequency	Annual response	Average response time in hours	Annual burden hours
Form 9058—Report 1	52	Quarterly	208	1:00	208
Employer/Job-seeker Complete Form 9061.	990,000	On occasion	990,000	.33	326,700

Requirement	Total respondents	Frequency	Annual response	Average response time in hours	Annual burden hours
Form 9061 processed by SWAs	52	On occasion	990,000	.33	326,700
Form 9062	52	On occasion	40	.33	13
Form 9063	52	On occasion	440,000	.33	145,200
Form 9065	52	Quarterly	208	1:00	208
Record Keeping	52	Annually	52	931	48,412
Form 9057	52	Quarterly	208	1.00	208
Form 9059	52	Quarterly	208	1.00	208
Planning Guidance	52	One Time	52	8:00	416
Modification Planning Guidance	52	One Time	52	1:00	52
Total	990,520	2,421,028	848,325

Total Burden Hours: 848,325.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

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: December 31, 2007.

Gay M. Gilbert,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (08-002)]

NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Astrophysics Subcommittee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Astrophysics Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Subcommittee reports to the Science Committee of the NAC. The Meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting from the scientific community and other persons scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Monday, January 28, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 29, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., room 3H46, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marian Norris, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-4452, fax (202) 358-4118, or mnorris@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Astrophysics Division Overview and Program Status
- Keck Time Usage Discussion
- Beyond Einstein Program Assessment Committee and Exoplanet Task Force Reports Discussion

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID, before receiving an access badge. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide the following information no less than 5 working days prior to the meeting: full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa/green card information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees with U.S. citizenship can provide identifying information 5 working days in advance by contacting Marian Norris via e-mail at mnorris@nasa.gov or by telephone at (202) 358-4452.

Dated: December 21, 2007.

P. Diane Rausch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (08-001)]

NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Planetary Protection Subcommittee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Planetary Protection Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Subcommittee reports to the Science Committee of the NAC. The Meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting from the scientific community and other persons scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Monday, January 28, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, January 29, 2008, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Room 180-703C, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91109.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marian Norris, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-4452, fax (202) 358-4118, or mnorris@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Planetary Protection and the Ethics of Planetary Exploration
- Mars Sample Return Mission Plans
- Planetary Protection for Mars Exploration and Lunar Precursors

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Attendees will be