

Request to Re-Administer Survey: OMB Control No. 1205-0444

The purpose of this document is to request approval to readminister a survey previously approved for OMB 1205-0444 to the same survey sample at 60 months after random assignment. Please note that the identical OMB approved survey would be administered to this population and the same methodology would be used to evaluate the results of the survey. The total additional hour burden for information collected for this 60 month follow-up survey is 1,216 hours. This hour burden estimate is based on the 6-month and 18-month implementation of the survey which averaged 30 minutes to complete. The total burden cost of collecting this information is \$19,450. This cost represents 30 minutes to complete the survey multiplied by the number of completers (2,431) and by an estimated average hourly wage of \$16 per hour.¹ This burden cost is offset by the \$15 respondent payment.

As part of the evaluation of Project GATE, ETA successfully completed two rounds of follow-up surveys at the 6 and 18 month interval. While the Wave I (6-month follow-up) and Wave II (18-month follow-up) surveys yielded valuable information about the impact of the GATE demonstration, a Wave III follow-up survey at approximately 60 months (or 5 years) after random assignment will provide important long-term information critical to the evaluation of the overall project. Until the results of the Wave II survey were completed, ETA did not know that an additional follow-up survey would be necessary.

A long-term follow-up survey is critical for a variety of reasons. Research suggests that many start-up businesses do not become fully operational for several years. Indeed, many new firms may start out small (i.e., few or no employees) and grow to larger firms over time. One of the major findings from the previously conducted 18-month survey of Project GATE participants was that the treatment group started businesses at a higher rate than the control group. At the 18-month survey interval, many of these treatment group businesses were still in the nascent phase. Research indicates that many start-up businesses do not become fully operational for several years. By conducting a long-term follow-up of the Project GATE sample, ETA will be able to assess the full-impact of the demonstration program.

¹ The average wage for UI recipients reported in a recent study of this population (Needels, et al. 2002) is \$16 per hour.