

**ABBREVIATED SUPPORTING STATEMENT
 CLEARANCE FORM**

A.1. Title: Quick Turnaround Survey of Wagner-Peyser Employment Service Gold Card Initiative	
A.2. Compliance with 5 CFR 1320.5: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A.3. Assurances of confidentiality: None
A.4. Federal cost: \$136.00	A.5. Requested expiration date (Month/Year): <u>12/2012</u>
A.6. Burden Hour estimates: a. Number of Respondents: <u>53</u> a.1. % Received Electronically: <u>100%</u> b. Frequency: <u>Monthly</u> c. Average Response Time: <u>4 Hours</u> d. Total Annual Burden Hours: <u>1,696 Hours</u>	A7. Does the collection of information employ statistical methods? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete Section B and attach OCEO review sheet).
<p>A.8. Abstract: On August 5, 2011, the President announced the Gold Card Initiative, a high-priority joint effort of two Department of Labor agencies (the Employment and Training Administration, ETA, and the Veterans' Employment and Training Service, VETS) to provide intensive employment services more quickly and easily to unemployed, post-9/11-era veterans, in anticipation of changes in U.S. military needs overseas. The Gold Card Initiative began in November 2011. At that time, however, the LERS did not include data elements to collect information on the target population and the services they received under the new initiative. To collect this data, a data element has been proposed as part of the information collection request (ICR) (control number 1205-0240) that was prepared to make this and other revisions to the LERS. However, while collection of the additional data will begin in July 2012, it will not be reported to ETA until November 14, 2012 (the established reporting date for the LERS, which remains unchanged in this ICR).</p> <p>This request is for a two-question survey to be completed on a monthly basis, for eight months, to obtain information on post-9/11-era veterans receiving services. Respondents to the survey are staff responsible for reporting under the Wagner-Peyser Act, or for administering Jobs for Veterans' State Grants in 53 state and territorial jurisdictions. This data will provide information on each of these jurisdictions on post-9/11-veterans served through the Wagner-Peyser Employment Service under the new Gold Card Initiative.</p> <p>The information to be collected through the monthly survey is needed for two purposes: 1) to provide sufficient data to develop performance benchmarks for the forthcoming data items in the LERS and 2) to provide more "real-time" data on service levels so that federal and state program managers can assess levels of service, and if needed, provide timely technical support and assistance to the states to better serve these individuals. The monthly data collection is needed to collect and <i>provide</i> data sooner than would be available through the LERS, to have <i>sufficient</i> data points to understand service levels in the near term for technical assistance, and to establish valid performance expectations when the new data element is implemented in LERS.</p> <p>The survey consists of two questions: 1) the number of post-9/11 era veterans served through the Wagner-Peyser Employment Service and 2) the number of those veterans who received intensive services, and one demographic identifier: 1) the two letter state code. The respondents to the survey would be state-level workforce personnel responsible for submitting the LERS (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands). At the local One-Stop level as the staff who handle intake will report to their Workforce Investment Boards and State counterparts the participation and service rates in their local area.</p> <p>The monthly surveys would begin in May 2012 and continue through December 31, 2012. The monthly survey would provide sufficient data points to understand variations across the workforce system in the program's performance and ability to meet its goal in serving this small, high-priority population.</p>	