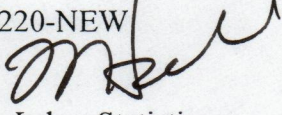




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MEMORANDUM FOR: REVIEWER of 1220-NEW
FROM: KEITH HALL 
Commissioner for Labor Statistics
SUBJECT: Emergency Clearance for Quarterly Census of Employment and
Wages Green Goods and Services Sector Industry Pre-testing.

Emergency clearance is being sought for the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program to conduct Green Goods and Services Sector Industry Pre-testing.

The 2010 Congressional appropriation tasks the BLS QCEW program with producing employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. The purpose of this request for emergency clearance is to initiate a research project to understand the collection environment and learn what information establishments have available that would help the BLS collect employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. The information collected during the pre-testing will be used to develop the eventual data collection instrument to ensure high quality data are collected. The BLS plans to begin collecting green industry employment data in November 2010 and must begin the testing immediately in order to allow for the necessary research to be undertaken and completed within this timeframe; therefore, the BLS is submitting this Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) utilizing emergency review procedures in accordance with the PRA95 (P.L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13.

The BLS has consulted with OMB on this request and has OMB approval to initiate the emergency request process. The BLS plans to submit another ICR before beginning collection of green goods and services industry employment data later this year. This ICR will be submitted to OMB under the standard clearance process (although OMB has agreed to an expedited review schedule) and will give the public another chance to comment on this collection.