

Note to Reviewer of 1220-0079

OMB approved an extension without change of the Labor Market Information (LMI) Cooperative Agreement through a Notice of Action, dated May 11, 2009. As part of that approved information collection, BLS agreed to submit any changes to the program work statements to OMB on an annual basis, along with a description of the changes. If it is determined that the changes are substantive, BLS will publish a 30-day notice in the Federal Register describing the changes and allowing the public an opportunity to comment. These requirements stem from the terms of clearance from the previous information collection which was approved through a Notice of Action, dated May 8, 2006, which stated that:

as BLS has agreed, annual changes to the work statements and supporting materials will be submitted using form 83-C. BLS will announce substantive changes in a Federal register notice and allow 30 days for public comment; OMB waives the 60-day notice for these changes. DOL will publish the normal 60-day notice when seeking to renew this generic clearance in 2009.

Therefore, the BLS is submitting the 2012 LMI Cooperative Agreement to OMB for review. A memorandum addressed to the State Workforce Agency Administrators and BLS Commissioners is included in the package. The memo describes the changes that affect the 2012 LMI Cooperative Agreement Work Statements and requirements.

If OMB determines that substantive changes have been made, BLS will publish the changes in the Federal Register.