

Generic Solicitation for Grant Applications YouthBuild Solicitation for Grant Applications Justification

Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification

Abstract:

This request seeks OMB approval for the unique information collections contained in the YouthBuild Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA). Workforce Investment Act section 173A authorizes this program.

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will announce the availability of approximately \$73 million in grant funds authorized by Workforce Investment Act YouthBuild provisions. *See* 29 USC 2918a. The final amount available depends on the amount of funds appropriated for YouthBuild in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014.

The ETA will award YouthBuild grants through a competitive process. Under this SGA, the ETA will award grants to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while the youth perform meaningful work and service to their communities. Based on an analysis of FY 2014 funding, the Department of Labor hopes to serve approximately 4,950 participants during the grant performance period, with approximately 75 projects awarded across the country.

Applications include the following information collections:

- Abstract;
- Completed Worksite Description, Form ETA-9143 (separately cleared under control number 1205-0464);
- Program Calendar;
- Signed Letters of Commitment from Collaborators;
- Construction Plus Field Proposal, when applicable;
- Chart documenting past grant performance, when applicable;
- Most recent audited financial statements and management letter, when applicable;
- Construction Training Plan, when applicable;
- Form SF-424 and attachments (separately cleared under control number 4040-0004); and
- Project narrative and attachments.

Electronic availability:

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov Web site. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 80 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

Small Entities:

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assurances of confidentiality:

These grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

Special circumstances:

This SGA implicates no special circumstances.

Burden:

Based on past experience, the DOL expects to receive approximately 200 applications. The ETA estimates public reporting burden for the information collection to average 20 hours per response for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining needed data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

200 applications x 20 hours = 4,000 hours.

The DOL has increased the October 2013, average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$30.38 by 40 percent (total \$42.53) to monetize this burden. See *The Employment Situation—December 2013*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empsit_01102014.pdf at 35.

4,000 hours x \$42.53 = \$170,120.

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection. In addition to the application, each grantee will be required to submit quarterly financial, performance, and narrative reports to the ETA. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate control number.

Total burden: 200 respondents, 200 responses, 4,000 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.