OMB Approval No.: 1205-0436

Expiration Date: January 31, 2017

**ABBREVIATED SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**A. SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

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| **A.1. Title: Site Selection for Grants Serving Young Offenders (EGYO)** | |
| **A.2. Compliance with 5 CFR 1320.5**:  Yes X No \_\_ | **A.3. Assurances of Confidentiality:**  NA |
| **A.4. Federal Cost:** $233,618 | A.5. Requested Expiration Date (Month/Year): January, 2017 |
| **A.6.**  a. Number of Respondents: 113  a.1. % Received Electronically: 0%  b. Frequency: See Table 1  c. Average Response Time: See Table 1  d. Total Annual Burden 379.5 Hours**.** | **A7. Does the Collection Of Information Employ Statistical Methods?**  X No  \_\_ Yes (Complete Section B and attach BLS review sheet). |
| **A.8. Abstract:**  The U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is undertaking the Evaluation of Grants Serving Young Offenders (EGYO). The overall aim of the evaluation is to determine the extent to which a new generation of DOL-funded grant projects serving young adult offenders, juvenile offenders, and students in high-risk high schools improve youth educational and employment outcomes and reduce recidivism. The evaluation is focused on the following three grant programs, data from which are collected under OMB Control No. 1205-0513.   * Face Forward Grants * Training and Service Learning Grants * High Poverty High Crime Grants.   The final evaluation, which will be cleared under a separate OMB control number, will be based on a rigorous random assignment design where program applicants will be randomly assigned to a treatment group (who will be able to receive program services) or a control group (who will not). Random assignment designs have been broadly accepted as the gold standard for providing reliable impact estimates of interventions. Recognizing the inherent challenges of implementing a random assignment study, our first step in planning the evaluation will be to gather information about the funded programs to identify suitable sites for the study; we intend to do so primarily by conducting telephone calls with grantees to gather additional information and conducting site visits to a subset of sites that appear promising for the proposed random assignment study.  This request for clearance is limited to data collection necessary for site selection across the three grantee programs. The data collection includes: (1) 53 telephone calls with all grantees operating programs under the three grant programs and (2) on-site, one-day visits to 30 selected promising grantees identified through the telephone calls. We plan to speak with four staff members at each of the 30 grantee organizations:. the Executive Director and three other program staff at each of the grantee organizations and one each from a partner agency and a referral agency. *See* Table 1. The topics for data collection will include the populations served by the program, the recruitment and referral process, intake and enrollment, program services and delivery, and information collected on participants. Because the High Poverty High Crime grantees make funds available to subgrantees to provide services, a separate telephone interview protocol will be used for this program than the others. All applicants for grant funds have been advised that receipt of grant funds is contingent upon participation in the evaluation. Thus, ETA anticipates a 100% response rate to the telephone interview and site visit protocols and does not expect to incorporate any statistical approach for non-response or sampling.  This data collection will not duplicate any information currently collected. Although identifiers will be used to link the information collected with other data, identities of persons who provide information will not be included in published reports nor otherwise be revealed to anyone not directly involved in the information collection (i.e., contractor personnel). | |

**Table 1 Burden Associated with Site Selection Activities**

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| **Activity** | **Respondents** | **Responses per Respondent** | **Total Number of Responses** | **Response Time per response in Hours** | **Total Burden Hours** | **Time Value\*** | **Monetized Burden Hours (Rounded to nearest $)** |
| **Grantee Information Gathering (GIG) Calls to Executive Directors** | **53** | **1** | **53** | **1.5** | **79.5** | **$21.27** | **$1,691** |
| **Site Visits** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Grantee Staff*  *( Executive Directors and*  *3 Program Staff each)* | 30# | 4 | 120 | 2 | 240 | *$21.27* | $5,105 |
| *Partner Staff* | 30 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 30 | *$21.27* | $638 |
| *Referral Agency Staff* | 30 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 30 | *$21.27* | $638 |
| **Site Visit Total** | **90** |  | **180** |  | **300** | ***$21.27*** | **$6,381** |
| **Unduplicated Totals for Site Visits and Phone Calls** | **113** |  | **233** |  | **380 (Rounded)** |  | **$8,072** |

\* The hourly wage of $21.27 is based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics hourly and weekly earnings of “Community and Social Services Occupations".

# Of the 53 Executive Directors that were contacted during the GIG calls, 30 will be contacted again during the site visits.