

## NOTE TO THE REVIEWER OF 1220-0079

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the Labor Market Information (LMI) Cooperative Agreement (CA) through a Notice of Action, dated May 21, 2012. As part of that approved information collection, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (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, the BLS will publish a 30-day notice in the Federal Register describing the changes and allowing the public an opportunity to comment.

Changes were made to the fiscal year (FY) 2013 LMI CA based on the across-the-board spending cuts required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended, commonly referred to as sequestration. The BLS sequestration plan resulted in the following changes to the FY 2013 LMI CA:

- The elimination of the Measuring Green Jobs Initiative, effective by June 30, 2013, which resulted in revisions to the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) work statement. A copy of the updated FY 2013 OES work statement is attached.
- The elimination of the Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program, effective June 30, 2013.

The BLS is now submitting revisions to the FY 2014 LMI CA to OMB for review. A memorandum addressed to the State Agencies participating in the LMI CA is included in the package. The memo describes the changes that affect the FY 2014 LMI CA work statements and requirements. If OMB determines that substantive changes have been made, the BLS will publish the changes in the Federal Register.