

**ABBREVIATED SUPPORTING STATEMENT
 CLEARANCE FORM**

A. SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A.1. Title: Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Data Collection Initiative	
A.2. Compliance with 5 CFR 1320.5: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	A.3. Assurances of Confidentiality: Yes
A.4. Federal Cost: \$11,523	A.5. Requested Expiration Date (Month/Year): December 31, 2018
A.6. Burden Hour Estimates: a. Number of Respondents: 2,000 b. Frequency: one call c. Average Response Time: 5 minutes d. Total Annual Burden Hours: 167 hours	A7. Does the Collection Of Information Employ Statistical Methods? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete Section B and attach CEO review sheet).
<p>A.8. Abstract: Description and Purpose: This research concerns the Presidential Executive Order Expanding Apprenticeships in America (www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/3245/), and the U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) efforts to promote apprenticeship programs nationwide. The purpose of this effort is to identify businesses with unregistered apprenticeship programs and to collect information about these programs to inform DOL’s work to expand apprenticeships in America.</p> <p>The focus of this research is to gather information on businesses’ unregistered apprenticeship and other work-based learning programs that they and/or their workforce partners implement to train or upskill employees. These programs help meet a critical need in today’s rapidly changing economy. Work-based learning programs—including apprenticeships—prepare workers to fill both existing and newly created jobs. They also prepare workers for the jobs of the future. Because apprenticeships provide paid, relevant workplace experiences and opportunities to develop skills that employers value, and because apprenticeships provide affordable paths to careers, expanding access to apprenticeships will help enable more Americans to obtain relevant skills and high-paying jobs.</p> <p>Through brief telephone interviews we will be able to provide accurate, timely information, on a national basis about businesses’ unregistered apprenticeship and work-based learning programs. This information will assist DOL in its roles in program oversight, policy development, and technical assistance. Telephone interview questions will include the following specific topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of program; • Program components (e.g., paid work, on-the-job learning, classroom training or related technical instruction, credentials); • Current and future number of trainees in program; and • Company’s interest in technical assistance. <p>DOL and its contracted partners will interview a select group of businesses identified through a number of sources including: news articles collected by DOL’s Office of Public Affairs; businesses identified by DOL’s apprenticeship grantees and industry and equity partners; companies with training programs approved by Veteran Affairs for GI Benefits; and web-based research. DOL and its contracted partners will contact approximately 2,000 businesses. They will conduct the interviews via telephone and record information in an Access database.</p> <p>This effort will not duplicate any information currently collected. Although identifiers will be used to link the information collected with other data, identities of individual respondents will not be included in published reports nor otherwise be revealed to anyone not directly involved in the information collection (i.e., contractor personnel).</p>	