

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

[OMB Number 1125-0010]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comments Requested; Notice of Appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals From a Decision of a DHS Officer**

**AGENCY:** Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** allowing for a 60-day comment period.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 days until January 2, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Jean King, General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, U.S. Department of Justice, Suite 2600, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia, 22041; telephone: (703) 305-0470. Written comments and/or suggestions can also be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503 or sent to [OIRA\\_submissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submissions@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and/or
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Revision and extension of a currently approved collection.
2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Notice of Appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals from a Decision of a DHS Officer.
3. *The agency form number:* Form EOIR-29 (OMB 1125-0010).
4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

*Primary:* A party who appeals a decision of a DHS Officer to the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board).

*Other:* None.

*Abstract:* A party affected by a decision of a DHS Officer may appeal that decision to the Board, provided that the Board has jurisdiction pursuant to 8 CFR 1003.1(b). The party must complete the Form EOIR-29 and submit it to the DHS office having administrative control over the record of proceeding in order to exercise the regulatory right to appeal.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that there are 5,501 respondents, 5,501 annual responses, and that each response takes 30 minutes to complete.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 2,750.5 annual burden hours.

*If additional information is required contact:* Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 11, 2017

**Melody D. Braswell,**  
Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Implementation Study**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents is properly assessed.

Currently, DOL is soliciting comments concerning the collection of site visit data for a study of the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before January 29, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either one of the following methods:

*Email:* [ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov](mailto:ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov); *Mail or Courier:* Janet Javar, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB

approval of the information collection request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Janet Javar by email at [ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov](mailto:ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Background:* WIOA, signed into law on July 22, 2014, authorized and amended a series of employment and educational programs under five titles. DOL seeks to understand how the implementation of WIOA is changing the core workforce programs authorized under Title I (Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs) and the Employment Service program authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act and amended by Title III, as well as how the implementation is contributing to more integration with stakeholders in programs authorized under Titles II (Adult Education and Literacy) and IV (Vocational Rehabilitation).

DOL is funding a study to document and describe how critical state-level activities under WIOA are being implemented and identify possible areas for which further technical assistance, guidance, or policies might be needed in order to help implement the law. The study’s major research questions are: (1) How are the critical reforms under WIOA related to the core workforce programs for Title I and III being implemented? (2) to what extent is WIOA’s vision for an integrated workforce system being achieved through state- and local-level synergies

between Titles I and III and Titles II and IV stakeholders? and (3) what changes or supplemental technical assistance, guidance, or policy would be helpful to states administering the core programs and in providing guidance and oversight to the local level to improve service quality and management?

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on the proposed data collection instruments for the semi-structured interviews that will be used during site visits to support the implementation study. Site visits will be conducted in 14 states and two local areas per state and will include semi-structured interviews with state and local area program staff to document WIOA implementation. The state and local area program staffs who will be interviewed include workforce board staffs; staffs responsible for implementation of Titles I, II, III, and IV; state-level staffs in charge of Unemployment Insurance (UI) program; other state- and local area-level partner staffs involved in WIOA implementation; as well as key American Job Center (AJC) operators and center management staffs. Each respondent will be interviewed once on their experience with WIOA implementation. A future information collection request will include a national survey of state-level workforce administrators.

*II. Desired Focus of Comments:* Currently, DOL is soliciting comments

concerning the above data collection for the WIOA implementation study. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology—for example, permitting electronic submission of responses.

*III. Current Actions:* At this time, DOL is requesting clearance for the interview protocols to be used during the site visits.

*Type of Review:* New information collection request.

*OMB Control Number:* 1290–0NEW.

*Affected Public:* State and local program staff involved in WIOA implementation.

**ESTIMATED TOTAL BURDEN HOURS**

Type of instrument	Total number respondents	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden time per response (hours)	Annual estimated burden (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
<b>State-Level Staff Interview</b>						
Workforce board .....	42	14	1	1.2	16.3	49
Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker program .....	70	23	1	1.3	30.3	91
Title I Youth program .....	14	5	1	1.0	4.7	14
Title II (Adult Education and Literacy) and IV (Vocational Rehabilitation) .....	84	28	1	1.3	37.3	112
Title III (Employment Service Program) .....	42	14	1	1.3	18.7	56
Unemployment Insurance .....	14	5	1	1.5	7.0	21
Other state partner .....	14	5	1	1.5	7.0	21
<b>Local-Level Staff Interview</b>						
Workforce board .....	112	37	1	1.2	43.7	131
Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker program .....	56	19	1	1.0	18.7	56
Title I Youth program .....	56	19	1	1.0	18.7	56
American Job Center Operator .....	28	9	1	1.25	11.7	35
American Job Center Manager .....	28	9	1	1.25	11.7	35
Title II (Adult Education and Literacy) and IV (Vocational Rehabilitation) .....	112	37	1	1.5	56.0	168
Title III (Employment Service Program) .....	56	19	1	1.0	18.7	56
Other local partner .....	56	19	1	1.0	18.7	56
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>957</b>

Comments submitted in response to this request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 15, 2017.

**Molly Irwin,**

Chief Evaluation Officer, U.S. Department of Labor.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Intent To Renew an Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by January 29, 2018 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite W 18000, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Request for Proposals.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0080.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* May 31, 2018.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

*Proposed Project:* The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Subpart 15.2—"Solicitation and Receipt of Proposals and Information" prescribes policies and procedures for preparing and issuing Requests for Proposals. The FAR System has been developed in accordance with the requirement of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act of 1974, as amended. The NSF Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1870, Sec. II, states that NSF has the authority to:

(c) Enter into contracts or other arrangements, or modifications thereof, for the carrying on, by organizations or individuals in the United States and foreign countries, including other government agencies of the United States and of foreign countries, of such scientific or engineering activities as the Foundation deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and, at the request of the Secretary of Defense, specific scientific or engineering activities in connection with matters relating to international cooperation or national security, and, when deemed appropriate by the Foundation, such contracts or other arrangements or modifications thereof, may be entered into without legal consideration, without performance or other bonds and without regard to section 5 of title 41, U.S.C.

*Use of the Information:* Request for Proposals (RFP) is used to competitively solicit proposals in response to NSF need for services. Impact will be on those individuals or organizations who elect to submit proposals in response to the RFP. Information gathered will be evaluated in light of NSF procurement requirements to determine who will be awarded a contract.

*Estimate of Burden:* The Foundation estimates that, on average, 558 hours per respondent will be required to complete the RFP.

*Respondents:* Individuals; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; state, local, or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 75.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 41,850 hours.

Dated: November 27, 2017.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15393 and #15394; North Carolina Disaster Number NC-00096]**

**Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of North Carolina**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of North Carolina dated 11/21/2017.

*Incident:* Flooding and Heavy Winds.

*Incident Period:* 10/23/2017.

**DATES:** Issued on 11/21/2017.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 01/22/2018.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 08/21/2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Watauga

*Contiguous Counties:*

North Carolina: Ashe, Avery,

Caldwell, Wilkes

Tennessee: Johnson

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.500
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.750
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.770
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.385
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500