# Funding Opportunity Announcement YouthBuild Supplemental Justification

# Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification

This request seeks OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for the unique information collection requirements in the "YouthBuild" Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). Under this FOA, DOL will award grants through a competitive process to organizations providing pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to at-risk youth, ages 16 to 24, while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. In addition to construction skills training, YouthBuild applicants may include occupational skills training in other in-demand industries. This expansion into additional in-demand industries is the Construction Plus component, a priority in this grant competition.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, DOL hopes to serve approximately 5,250 participants during the grant period of performance, with approximately 70 projects awarded across the country, depending on individual grant awards. Individual grants will range from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million and require a 25 percent match from applicants, using sources other than Federal funding. The grant period of performance for this FOA is 40 months, including a four-month planning period and a twelve-month follow-up period.

Applications will include the following information collections: 1) Form SF-424 "Application for Federal Assistance," separately cleared under OMB control number 4040-0004, 2) Project Budget, 3) Project Narrative, and 4) Attachments to the Project Narrative.

#### **Electronic availability:**

This grant solicitation will be available on the www.grants.gov website. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 85 percent of responses will be submitted electronically and 15 percent of responses will be submitted through a hardcopy.

#### **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 solicitation implicates no special circumstances.

#### **Burden:**

The DOL expects to receive approximately 250 applications from an equal number of respondents. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining needed data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

250 applications x 20 hours = 5000 hours

The DOL has increased the average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry to \$33.17 per hour to monetize this burden. See The Employment Situation—April 2019, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <a href="https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf">https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf</a> at page 33.

5000 hours x \$33.17 = \$165,850

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 and performance reports to the ETA. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate control number.

Total burden: 250 respondents, 250 responses, 5000 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

## **Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.