

**ABBREVIATED SUPPORTING STATEMENT
 CLEARANCE FORM**

A. SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A.1. Title: Survey of Community College Delivery of Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Programs	
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: \$60,000	A.5. Requested Expiration Date (Month/Year): February 15, 2021
A.6. Burden Hour Estimates: a. Number of Respondents: 1,000 b. Frequency: once c. Average Response Time: 20 minutes d. Total Annual Burden Hours: 333.3 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 survey concerns RA programs in community colleges. It is designed to support the President’s Executive Order on Expanding Apprenticeships in America (www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/3245/) and efforts by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to promote apprenticeship nationwide. The survey is being conducted by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) under a cooperative agreement with ETA.</p> <p>The purpose of this survey is to obtain “real-time” examples of current RA programs at community colleges across the nation. The information gleaned from the survey will assist the ETA’s Office of Apprenticeship (OA) in understanding community colleges’ role in RA programs and will help OA in its role in program oversight, policy development, and technical assistance. Information on specific program examples will also be made available to community colleges and employers seeking to develop RA programs through the Apprenticeship.gov website.</p> <p>The survey will be sent initially to approximately 1,000 AACC member institutions, including those that are also sub-recipients of funds under the cooperative agreement with AACC. To support a high response rate, AACC will send multiple notices to its members via email, announcements in webinars, and/or phone calls announcing the survey and inviting them to respond to it. The response rate is expected to be 70 percent or higher, in that all sub-recipients under the co-operative agreement are likely to respond as will a majority of the other AACC member colleges.</p> <p>AACC will disseminate the survey to AACC member institutions until the expiration of the survey, using an electronic form on Apprenticeship.gov.</p> <p>It should be noted that the overall number of respondents is an example of the occasional survey, prefigured in the supporting statement for OMB # 1205-0436, which exceeds the number identified in the examples offered in parts A and B of that supporting statement. The total burden of 333.3 hours for this survey will still allow for multiple other surveys under the overall burden level of 7,500 hours over three years.</p> <p>Information on the universe of RA programs offered in community colleges is currently unknown, as there is currently no available data on the distribution of various forms of such programs or their characteristics. This lack of data precludes determining if the colleges and their RA programs are representative nationally, conducting a non-response bias analysis, and making statistical adjustments regarding such factors as: location (urban, rural, etc.); size; industry sector and occupation; and demographic characteristics of participants in these programs. Since there is no sampling or statistical analysis, no statistical review has been conducted. Information from the data collected in the survey will thus be treated as strictly suggestive and no statistical inferences will be made. Key areas of interest in the eventual suggestive findings will be used to better understand various RA program models in colleges, identify potential areas for further and more rigorous research, as well as in providing technical assistance and information to colleges and employers.</p>	

This effort will not duplicate any information currently collected. The identities of individual respondents will not be included in published reports nor otherwise be revealed to anyone not directly involved in the information collection. Respondents will be advised that their responses will be kept private and confidential, and that any information they provide will be combined with that from other respondents and will not be presented in a report which will not identify, nor permit identification of any respondent or business. Respondent information will be protected to the extent permitted by law.

Current Inventory of Surveys Under OMB control number 1205-0436: Six surveys have been conducted under this clearance.