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MEMORANDUM FOR: Reviewer of 1220-0180

FROM: Mark Staniorski, Chief
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SUBJECT: Nonsubstantive Change Request for the Data
 Sharing Agreement Applications

Minor modifications have been made to the data sharing agreement applications, since researchers can now access the National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth Geocode (NLSY) and Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) research files through a Virtual Data Enclave (VDE), rather than having encrypted CDs mailed to them. The CFOI application will no longer be used and CFOI applicants will instead use the Visiting Researcher Application which has been altered to include CFOI.

Below is a summary of the changes to each form:

NLS Application: Information related to CD storage and each institution's IT security were removed, since all data will now be stored in the VDE instead. Additional information needed to set up a researcher's VDE account was added. Some items were rearranged for clarity.

Visiting Researcher and CFOI Application: To allow offsite CFOI researchers to use the existing form currently used by onsite applicants, the title was changed and a new page was added at the end to collect CFOI-specific information needed to set up a researcher's VDE account. Some items were rearranged for clarity.

Attached for your review and approval are the updated applications.

Current OMB approval of the Data Sharing Agreement Applications is scheduled to expire May 31, 2022. These changes will result in a 0.4 hour reduction to the current burden estimates for CFOI applicants specifically, since the Visiting Researcher Application that CFOI applicants will now use takes 5 fewer minutes to complete than the discontinued CFOI application. There are an average of 5 CFOI applicants per year.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Erin Good by phone at 202-691-7763 or e-mail at Good.Erin@bls.gov.

Attachments