Request for Approval under the "DOL Departmental Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback"
(OMB Control Number: 1225-0088)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Consumer Expenditure Surveys Users' Survey

PURPOSE: The Consumer Expenditure Surveys (CE) program has a responsibility to its data users to disseminate high-quality data that present an unbiased statistical picture of consumer expenditures, in support of a better understanding of consumer economic behavior. This survey is intended to allow our users an avenue to provide valuable feedback to the program, which will aid in planning and prioritizing future enhancements to the CE website. The results of this survey will hopefully be the basis for which the program uses to warrant future website changes aimed at providing a better user experience.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:
The survey will target experienced users of CE products, including individuals from both private and public sectors, as well as academia. We plan to utilize our CE updates subscription group to alert users of the survey. This email group contains roughly 20,000 email addressed. Based on the response for our annual workshop, we anticipate feedback from less than 1 percent of these users or around 100 respondents.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

[ ] Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form
[ ] Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software
[ ] Focus Group
[X] Customer Satisfaction Survey
[ ] Small Discussion Group
[ ] Other:_____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.

6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:
1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? [ ] Yes [X] No
2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? [ ] Yes [ ] No
3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Gifts or Payments:
Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? [ ] Yes [X] No

BURDEN HOURS

Category of Respondent	**No. of Respondents**	**Participation Time**	**Burden**
Individual or Households (CE Data Users)	100	25 minutes	42 hours
Totals			

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is $2,093 (including 10 hours to develop questions for the survey, 12 hours to develop the survey in survey monkey, and 20 hours to analyze the results) (Calculation is 42 hours x $49.85 (GS 13/1).

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents
1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
[ ] Yes [X] No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
   - [X] Web-based or other forms of Social Media
   - [ ] Telephone
   - [ ] In-person
   - [ ] Mail
   - [ ] Other, Explain
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? [ ] Yes [X] No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback"

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on XXXXX)

PURPOSE: Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

CERTIFICATION: Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

Personally Identifiable Information: Provide answers to the questions.

Gifts or Payments: If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

BURDEN HOURS:
Category of Respondents: Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households;(2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected.
No. of Respondents: Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.
Participation Time: Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)
Burden: Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

FEDERAL COST: Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

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The selection of your targeted respondents. Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

Administration of the Instrument: Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g. for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

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