Justification for Non-Material Change to OMB 1290-0039

This memo requests a non-material change to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) package previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Control No. 1290-0039) for data collection for the Evaluation of the Pathway Home Grant Program (Pathway Home Evaluation). These changes are requested as a result of the Executive Order entitled Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government (Defending Women).

Background

Since July 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded approximately \$113 million dollars to two cohorts of Pathway Home grantees to expand the availability of employment-focused reentry services for individuals incarcerated in U.S. jails, prisons, and community correctional facilities. DOL's Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) has commissioned an evaluation of the Pathway Home grant program (Pathway Home Evaluation). The Pathway Home Evaluation offers a unique opportunity to build knowledge about the implementation and effectiveness of these programs.

In August 2022, OMB approved the new information collection request (ICR) for 6 instruments to be used in the evaluation.

Change Requests

DOL requests changes to three questionnaires to use updated questions. This non-substantive change requests the following:

- The Baseline Information Form, Grantee Survey, and Facility Survey have been updated to ask about "sex" rather than "gender".

The questionnaires have been updated and provided in this package.

These requested non-substantive changes do not require any changes to the burden estimates.