

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before March 26, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Robert Johnston, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S-4531, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3005 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: [johnston.robert@dol.gov](mailto:johnston.robert@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration regulations, 20 CFR 601, Administrative Procedures, contains collection of information requirements at Sections 601.2 and 601.3. Section 601.2 requires states to submit copies of their unemployment compensation laws for approval by the Secretary of Labor so that the Secretary may determine the status of state laws and plans of operation. Section 601.3 requires states to "submit all relevant state materials such as statutes, executive and administrative orders, legal opinions, rules, regulations, interpretations, court decisions, etc." These materials are used by the Secretary to determine whether the state law contains provisions required by Section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Grants of funds are made to states for the administration of their employment

security laws if their unemployment compensation laws and their plans of operation for public employment offices meet required conditions of Federal laws. The information transmitted by Form MA 8-7 is used by the Secretary to make findings (as specified in the above cited Federal laws) required for certification to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to states or for certification of the state law for purposes of additional tax credit. If this information is not available, the Secretary cannot make such certifications. To facilitate transmittal of required material, the Department prescribes the use of Form MA 8-7, Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials. This simple check off form is used by the states to identify material being transmitted to the National Office and allows the material to be routed to appropriate staff for prompt action.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the MA 8-7, Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**III. Current Actions**

The continued collection of the information described above is necessary to enable the Employment and Training Administration to complete the required certifications.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

*Title:* Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0222.

*Agency Number:* MA 8-7.

*Affected Public:* State and Local Governments.

*Total Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency:* As needed.

*Total Responses:* 636.

*Average Time per Response:* 1 Minute.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 10 Hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 19, 2010.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Bureau of Labor Statistics****Submission for OMB Emergency Review: Comment Request**

January 20, 2010.

The Department of Labor has submitted the following (see below) information collection request (ICR), utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.13. OMB approval has been requested by March 31, 2010. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation; including among other things a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number)/e-mail: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov). Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor—ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-6974 (these are not toll-free

numbers), E-mail:

[OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be received on or before February 24, 2010.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
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other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Title of Collection:* Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Green Goods and Services Sector Pre-testing.

*OMB Control Number:* 1220–NEW.

*Affected Public:* Private sector businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; farms; small businesses or organizations.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Forms panel testing .....	2,500	One time .....	2,500	30	1,250
Follow-up interviews .....	750	One time .....	750	30	375
Totals .....	2,500	.....	3,250	.....	1,625

The difference between the total number of respondents and the total number of responses reflects the fact that the respondents contacted for the follow-up interviews are a subset of the respondents contacted during the forms panel testing. About 750 of the respondents will be contacted twice, once during the panel testing and a second time for the follow-up interview.

*Total Burden Cost:* (capital/startup): \$0.

*Total Burden Cost:* (operating/maintenance): \$0.

*Description:* As the chief source of government data on employment, the 2010 Congressional appropriation tasks the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program with producing employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. This initiative will produce regular tabulations of aggregate employment and wages for businesses whose primary activities fall in the green goods and services sector as defined by BLS. These series will be key to analyzing workforce trends in this sector.

The purpose of this request for clearance is for the QCEW program to initiate a research project to understand the collection environment and learn what information establishments have available that would help BLS collect employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. This information will be used to improve the eventual data collection instrument, increase response rates, and ensure high quality data are collected.

The primary purpose of this research is neither to finalize a definition of green goods and services sector nor to determine what defines the green sector. Rather, the focus is on learning what collectable information firms have available about their products, services, and other items that might be used to collect data on this sector. The BLS definition of the green goods and

services sector industry will be addressed separately.

*Why are we requesting Emergency Processing?* Emergency clearance is being sought for the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Green Goods and Services Sector Industry Pre-testing. The purpose of this request for clearance by the BLS QCEW program is to initiate a research project to understand the collection environment and learn what information establishments have available that would help BLS collect employment data on industry sectors that produce green goods and services. This information will be used to develop the eventual data collection instrument and ensure high quality data are collected. Data collection is scheduled to begin in November 2010. In order for BLS to understand how to collect and produce high quality green goods and services business employment by this date, BLS must begin the forms panel testing as soon as possible. Therefore, BLS is requesting an emergency clearance to allow for the necessary research to be undertaken and completed within this timeframe. A second opportunity to comment on the proposed collection of data on green goods and services sector business employment will be afforded when the package is submitted to OMB under the standard clearance process in accordance with the PRA95 (44 U.S.C. 3506).

**Darrin A. King,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Proposed Information Collection Request for the ETA 218, Benefit Rights and Experience Report; Comment Request on Extension Without Change

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration.

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