

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Office of Justice Programs**

[OJP (NIJ) Docket No. 1612]

Criminal Justice Interview Room Recording System (IRRS) Standard, Supplier's Declaration of Conformity Requirements, and Selection and Application Guide**AGENCY:** National Institute of Justice, DOJ.**ACTION:** Notice and request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In an effort to obtain comments from interested parties, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will make available to the general public three draft documents related to Interview Room Recording Systems (IRRS) used by criminal justice agencies:

1. Draft *Criminal Justice IRRS Standard*
2. Draft *Criminal Justice IRRS Supplier's Declaration of Conformity Requirements*
3. Draft *Criminal Justice IRRS Selection and Application Guide*

The opportunity to provide comments on these documents is open to industry technical representatives; criminal justice agencies and organizations; research, development, and scientific communities; and all other stakeholders and interested parties. Those individuals wishing to obtain and provide comments on the draft documents under consideration are directed to the following Web site: <http://www.justnet.org>.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 25, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Greene, by telephone at (202) 307-3384 [Note: this is not a toll-free telephone number], or by email at mark.greene2@usdoj.gov.

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BILLING CODE 4410-18-P**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Comment Request for Information Collection for the Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium, New Collection****AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments on the current data collection for the Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium (RACC). The RACC exists to facilitate applying the Registered Apprenticeship completion certificate towards college credit. RACC post-secondary members agree to accept apprentice graduates from member Registered Apprenticeship sponsors who have the approximate amount of credit toward college that has been designated by a third party evaluator. The Department has modeled the RACC after the Servicemembers Opportunities Colleges Consortium supported by the Department of Defense.

The RACC data collection includes three application forms to join the consortium, differentiated by membership type:

- (1) The application for Registered Apprenticeship sponsors requests contact

information for the national, regional or single guideline standards or program; all participating training centers, if applicable; and the value of the apprenticeship program toward college credit, recommended by a third party evaluator;

- (2) the application for two- and four-year post-secondary institutions requests contact, degree and credit transfer information; and

- (3) the application for national, regional or State organizations that

represent sponsors and/or two- and four-year post-secondary colleges and will facilitate membership in the consortium requests contact information and the nature of the relationship with sponsors or colleges.

Subsection II of the Supplementary Information paragraphs below provides greater detail on the types of comments that would be most helpful.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Laura Ginsburg, Office of Apprenticeship, Room N-5306, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-2796. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Fax: 202-693-3799. Email: OA.Administrator@dol.gov. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Secretary of Labor's Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA), which includes members from the employer, labor, and public sectors, has identified the need to apply the Registered Apprenticeship completion certificate for college credit as an important opportunity for apprentices to continue on a career pathway, enhance skill acquisition, and earn an Associates or Bachelor's degree. Increased articulation agreements between Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors and colleges will create a new pipeline of degree-seekers and enhance the competitiveness of American industry by enlarging the pool of highly-trained workers that possess in-demand skills and competencies.

Registered Apprenticeship pairs paid on-the-job learning with related technical/theoretical classes in a career field. The earn-while-you-learn model offers job seekers immediate employment opportunities that pay good wages and offer career growth, highly-esteemed and useful life/skill sets, portable credentials that are nationally (and often globally) recognized, and the opportunity for participants to apply their apprenticeship training to two- and four-year college programs. DOL's Assistant Secretary for Employment and