

use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management.

Type of Review: Extension without change of an existing OMB Control Number.

Title of Collection: Applicant Background Questionnaire.

OMB Control Number: 1225-0072.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,500.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1,608.

Description: The Applicant Background Questionnaire, which is completed voluntarily by job applicants, provides information on the applicants' gender, race or ethnicity, disability, and the applicants' source of recruitment information for vacancy. This data will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of various recruitment methods to tailor recruitment to meet equal employment opportunity objectives. For additional information, see related notice published at 73 FR 43476 on July 25, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

October 17, 2008.

The Department of Labor (DOL) hereby announces the submission of the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). 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 Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on 202-693-4223 (this is not a toll-free number) / e-mail 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 Dept of Labor—Employment and Training Administration, 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 within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

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
- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Type of Review: Revision of an existing OMB Control Number.

Title of Collection: Project Gate.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0444.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,431.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1,216.

Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden: \$0.

Description: Project GATE is a demonstration program designed to assist individuals interested in self-employment to develop their businesses. To determine whether the program should be replicated on a larger scale, an evaluation has been conducted and is in its final stage. OMB approved an additional survey of 400 individuals (Wave II), which was completed early in 2007. However, the analysis of Wave II data did not indicate anticipated improved earnings; therefore, ETA is requesting to conduct an identical 5-

year follow-up with 2,431 Project GATE program completers to enable ETA to determine whether this finding persists over time.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

[Application No. D-11471]

Notice of Proposed Amendment; Prohibited Transaction Exemption (PTE) 99-34 Involving the Chase Manhattan Bank/JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendment to individual exemption.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of a proposed individual exemption, which, if granted, would amend PTE 99-34 (64 FR 46419, August 25, 1999), an exemption granted to The Chase Manhattan Bank (CMB). PTE 99-34 permits the lending of securities to affiliates of The Chase Manhattan Corporation (CMC) by employee benefit plans, including commingled investment funds holding plan assets for which CMC affiliates act as directed trustee or custodian and securities lending agent or subagent, and the receipt of compensation in connection with the transactions. The amendment, if granted, would apply to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (JPMCB), a successor organization to CMB, and would extend the provisions of PTE 99-34 to certain transactions with affiliates of the Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (Bear Stearns). If granted, the proposed amendment would affect participants and beneficiaries and fiduciaries of employee benefit plans to which affiliates of JPMCB act as securities lending agent or sub-agent and may also act as custodian or directed trustee.

DATES: *Effective Date:* Except as otherwise specified herein, the amendment, if granted, will be effective as of August 25, 1999.

DATES: Written comments and requests for a public hearing on the proposed exemption should be submitted to the Department December 8, 2008.