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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment

Request: Transmittal of Unemployment Insurance Materials

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Transmittal of Unemployment Insurance Materials," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site, <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6881 (this is not a toll-free number), email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL\_PRA\_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

AUTHORITY: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Social Security Act (SSA) section 303(a)(6) requires, as a condition of a State receiving an administrative grant, that State law contain provision for the making of such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Secretary of Labor may from time to time require and compliance with such provisions as the Secretary of Labor may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports. Regulations 20 CFR 601.3, in part, implement this requirement by requiring submission of all relevant State materials, such as statutes, executive and administrative orders, legal opinions, rules, regulations, interpretations, court opinions, etc. In addition, the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Civilian Employees program regulations at 20 CFR 609.1(d)(1) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members program regulations at 20 CFR 614.1(d)(1) require submission of certain documents to ensure States properly administer these programs. Trade Adjustment Assistance (which includes Trade Readjustment Allowances) program regulations provide similar requirements at 20 CFR 617.52(c)(1).

Form MA-8-7 is the mechanism for implementing these submittal requirements, the purpose of which is to provide the Secretary with sufficient information to determine if (a) employers in a State qualify for tax credits under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act; (b) the State meets the requirements for obtaining administrative grants under SSA Title III; and (c) the State is fulfilling its obligations under Federal unemployment compensation programs.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1205-0222. The current approval is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2013; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2012 (77 FR 73053).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205-0222. The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Transmittal of Unemployment Insurance Materials.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0222.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 301.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 75.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: March 25, 2013.

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Departmental Clearance Officer.

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