

unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Parties interested in commenting on this request 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 ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Information Collection Request Reference Number 201005–1240–004. 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:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Type of Review:* New collection (Request for a new OMB Control Number).

*Title of Collection:* Contractor Survey under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*OMB Control Number:* 1240–ONEW.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector: Business or other for-profit.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 330.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 82.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden:* \$0.

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**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general 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 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "National Compensation Survey." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before November 3, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202–691–5111 (this is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202–691–7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) is an ongoing survey of earnings and benefits among private firms, State, and local government. The NCS is currently the integration of the sampling, collection, and processing for

the Employment Cost Index (ECI), the Employee Benefits Survey (EBS), and the Locality Pay Surveys (LPS) into a single, unified program of compensation statistics. This integration improves data for policymakers and researchers, reduces respondent burden, improves the utilization of BLS resources, and enhances the published measures of compensation. Data from the integrated program include estimates of wages by job levels covering broad groups of related occupations, and data that directly links benefit plan costs with detailed plan provisions. The integrated program's single sample also produces both time-series indexes and cost levels for industry and occupational groups, thereby increasing the analytical potential of the data. Benefits of the integrated sample include: improved measures of trends; better integration of benefit costs and plan provisions; data for narrow occupations; and broad regional and occupational coverage. The NCS employs probability methods for selection of occupations. This ensures that sampled occupations represent all occupations in the workforce, while minimizing the reporting burden on respondents. Data from the NCS are critical for setting Federal white-collar salaries, determining monetary policy (as a Principal Federal Economic Indicator), and for compensation administrators and researchers in the private sector.

The survey collects data from a sample of employers. These data will consist of information about the duties, responsibilities, and compensation (earnings and benefits) for a sample of occupations for each sampled employer.

Data will be updated on a quarterly basis. The updates will allow for production of data on change in earnings and total compensation.

##### II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the National Compensation Survey.

The NCS collects earnings and work level data on occupations for the nation. The NCS also collects information on the cost, provisions, and incidence of all the major employee benefits through its benefit cost and benefit provision programs and publications.

The Administration has proposed 2011 budget calls for the elimination of the Locality Pay Survey (LPS), which is the part of the National Compensation Survey that provides occupational wage data by industry and specific geographic areas. The NCS is currently developing a new survey design that excludes the LPS. Planning and design for these changes are ongoing. NCS will

transition from an area-based survey design to a non-area-based national design, supplemented with modeled wages starting in FY 2011. Sample changes are reflected in the stated collection and respondent burden estimates.

The NCS data on benefit costs is used to produce the ECI and Employer Costs for Employee Compensation. The data provided will be the same, and the series will be continuous.

The NCS will continue to provide employee benefit provision and participation data. These data include estimates of how many workers receive the various employer-sponsored benefits. The data also will include information about the common provisions of benefit plans.

NCS has modified the collection forms, to 14 forms (normally having unique private industry and government initiation and update collection forms and versions.) Two forms are unique for private industry and government sample members who report data through the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption

Web-site. For NCS update collection, the forms give respondents their previously reported information, the dates they expected change to occur to these data, and space for reporting these changes.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.
- 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.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* National Compensation Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0164.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and State, local, and tribal government.

*Total Respondents:* 14,433 (three-year average).

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

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

All figures in the table below are based on a three-year average. The total respondents in the table are greater than the figure shown above because many respondents are asked to provide information relating to more than one form.

Form	Total respondents per form	Frequency	Total annual responses	Avg. minutes for the predominant form use **	Total hours
Establishment collection form (NCS Form 11-1G).	*	.....	*	19	*
Establishment collection form (NCS Form 11-1P).	1,960	At initiation .....	1,960	19	621
Earnings form (NCS Form 11-2G) .....	*	.....	*	20	*
Earnings form (NCS Form 11-2P) .....	1,960	At initiation .....	1,960	20	653
Wage Shuttle form computer generated earnings update form #.	10,665	Quarterly (3.827 avg.) .....	40,823	20	13,608
Work Level Form (NCS Form 11-3G) .....	*	.....	*	25	*
Work Level Form (NCS FORM 11-3P) .....	1,960	At initiation .....	1,960	25	817
Work Schedule Form (NCS 11-4G) .....	*	.....	*	10	*
Work Schedule Form (NCS 11-4P) .....	1,960	At initiation .....	1,960	10	327
Benefits Collection Form (NCS 11-5G) .....	*	.....	*	177	*
Benefits Collection Form (NCS 11-5P) .....	1,960	At initiation .....	1,960	178.5	5,831
Summary of Benefits (Benefit update form SO-1003) is computer generated #.	10,665	Quarterly .....	40,823	19.92	13,553
Collection not tied to a specific form (testing, Quality Assurance/Quality Measurement, etc.).**	1,808	1.89 .....	3,420	30	1,710
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>32,938</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>94,866</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>37,120</b>

\* Most NCS Government forms (NCS 11-XG), are only used for government sample initiations, which is not currently planned during this Clearance cycle.

\*\* Collection forms can have multiple uses. The table above shows the average collection times for the predominant uses of the forms. Record checks (for quality assurance and measurement) are done on a sub-sample of respondents verifying responses for pre-selected sections of the collection forms.

# Includes IDCF form time (Web based screen for SSL encryption web-site secure.)

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of September 2010.

**Kimberley Hill,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for YouthBuild Grants

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

*Announcement Type:* Notice of Solicitation for Grant Applications.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* SGA/DFA PY 10-02.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 17.274.

*Key Dates:* The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is December 3, 2010. Applications must be received no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Time. A Virtual Prospective Applicant Conference (Webinar) will be held for this grant competition. The date and access information for this Virtual Prospective Applicant Conference will be posted on ETA's Web site at <http://www.doleta.gov/youth%5Fservices/youthbuildgrantee.cfm>. While a review of this Webinar is encouraged, it is not mandatory that applicants view this recording.

**SUMMARY:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department), announces the availability of up to approximately \$130 million in grant funds for YouthBuild Grants (the final amount available depends upon the amount of funds appropriated for YouthBuild in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Department of Labor Appropriations Act). These funds are from separate appropriations and will be awarded separately. Thirty million dollars in FY 2010 funds are available for immediate award and will be reserved for awards to organizations that did not receive funding in the FY 2009 YouthBuild competition [SGA/DFA PY 08-07]. Awards from the FY 2011 appropriation

will be selected after April 1, 2011, pending availability of funds.

YouthBuild Grants will be awarded through a competitive process. Grant funds will be used to provide disadvantaged youth with: The education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities. As part of their program, YouthBuild grantees will tap the energies and talents of disadvantaged youth to increase the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and low-income families and to help youth develop the leadership, learning, and high-demand occupational skills needed to succeed in today's global economy.

Based on the amount of FY 2010 funds available and our projections for FY 2011 funding, DOL hopes to serve approximately 8,500 youth participants during the grant period of performance, with projects operating in approximately 128 communities across the country. Under this solicitation, DOL will be awarding grants to organizations to oversee the provision of education and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities. Each applicant should indicate the proposed number of participants to be served based on an average cost per participant of between \$15,000 and \$18,000.

This solicitation provides background information and describes the application submission requirements, outlines the process that eligible entities must use to apply for funds covered by this solicitation, and details the evaluation criteria used as a basis for selecting grantees. Applicants should read the entire SGA and note specific sections that contain required information, such as in Section III.D, Section IV.B, and Section V.A, where failure to comply will be considered non-responsive and those applicants will then not be considered for funding.

The Department is committed to providing the public with an open and transparent grant selection process and to providing useful information to assist prospective applicants with developing quality proposals. One way to achieve these goals is through public access to selected and non-selected grant applications. Applicants are advised that the information they submit in

response to this solicitation may be posted on a publicly accessible Web site or may otherwise be made available to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** Mailed applications must be addressed to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Federal Assistance, Attention: Donna Kelly, Grant Officer, Reference SGA/DFA PY 10-02, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N4716, Washington, DC 20210. For complete "Application and Submission Information," please refer to section IV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This solicitation consists of nine sections:

- Section I provides background information on YouthBuild, YouthBuild program objectives, and additional information on the key components of YouthBuild to consider when preparing an application.
- Section II describes the size and nature of the anticipated awards.
- Section III describes eligibility information.
- Section IV provides information on the application and submission process.
- Section V describes the criteria against which applications will be reviewed and explains the proposal review process.
- Section VI provides award administration information.
- Section VII contains ETA agency contact information.
- Section VIII lists additional resources of interest to applicants.
- Section IX lists other pertinent information.

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

YouthBuild is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses several core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. Part A of this section provides a background of the YouthBuild program. Part B describes the core objectives of the YouthBuild program, with Part C providing additional information on key components of YouthBuild to consider when preparing a grant application.

##### A. Background

The YouthBuild model balances in-school learning that leads to the achievement of a high school diploma or passing the General Education Development (GED) test, and construction skills training that prepares youth for career placement. The in-school component is an alternative education program that assists youth