

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The BLS enters into Cooperative Agreements with State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) annually to provide financial assistance to the SESAs for the production and operation of the following LMI statistical programs: Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, Covered Employment and Wages Report, and Mass Layoff Statistics. The Cooperative Agreement provides the basis for managing the administrative and financial aspects of these programs.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Action

The existing collection of information allows Federal staff to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement with the SESAs, and to monitor their financial and programmatic performance and adherence to administrative requirements imposed by regulations implementing OMB Circular A-102 and other grant-related regulations. The information collected also is used for planning and budgeting at the Federal level and in meeting Federal reporting requirements.

Type of Review: Revision.
Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Title: Labor Market Information (LMI) Cooperative Agreement.
OMB Number: 1220-0079.
Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal Government.
Frequency: Annually.

Information collection	Respondents	Frequency	Responses	Time	Total hours
Work Statements	55	1	55	1-2 hr.	55-110
BIF (LMI 1A, 1B)	55	1	55	1-6 hr.	55-330
Quarterly Automated Financial Reports	48	4	192	10-50 min.	32-160
Monthly Automated Financial Reports	48	8*	384	5-25 min.	32-160
BLS Cooperative Statistics Financial Report (LMI 2A). Quarterly Status Report (LMI 2B)	7	12	84	1-5 hr.	84-420
	1-30	4	4-120	1 hr.	4-120
Total	1-55	774-890	264-1300
Average Totals	55	832	782

*Reports are not received for end-of-quarter months, i.e., December, March, June, and September.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC this 11th day of May 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group on Phased Retirement, Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement

Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Working Group assigned by the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to study the issue of phased retirement will hold an open public meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2000 in Room N-5437 A-D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon, is for Working Group members to hear testimony concerning workforce demographic trends and current practices in phased retirement plans.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before May 26, 200 to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202)

219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Sharon Morrissey by May 26 at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before May 26.

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of May 2000.

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