

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Women's Bureau

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 preclearance 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. Currently, the Women's Bureau is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of the Conference Evaluation Form.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before April 13, 1998. The Department of Labor 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.

ADDRESSES: Airline Easley, Women's Bureau, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-3311, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-6601x136 (this is not a toll-free number), Fax (202) 219-5529, easley-arline@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A structured evaluation instrument is needed to determine if the objectives of the conferences sponsored, wholly or in part, by the Women's Bureau are meeting the needs of the constituents for whom they were designed. Currently, a comment card is available at most conferences for constituent remarks, but these remarks do not speak to all the issues involved in a comprehensive evaluation. Without comprehensive information, we cannot clearly understand if the conference goals are being met, or how we can more efficiently meet constituent needs.

II. Current Actions

We are proposing that the "Conference Evaluation" be available at the close of conferences or meetings sponsored by the Women's Bureau so that constituents can voluntarily provide answers to questions that will help us to streamline the conferences or meetings to more fully meet the needs of the attendees. Information from the evaluation should flag strengths and weaknesses in the program and its setting.

Type of Review: This is a new data collection instrument.

Agency: US Department of Labor, Women's Bureau.

Title: Conference Evaluation.

Affected Public: Attendees of Women's Bureau conferences or meetings.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: Conference Evaluation.

Total Respondents: 5000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total responses: 5000.

Average Time per Response: 1.5 minutes.

Estimated Burden Hours: 125 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.00.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 9, 1998.

Cellis N. Phillips,

Chief, Office of Policy and Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Business Research Advisory Council; Renewal

In accordance with the provision of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and after consultation with the General Services Administration (GSA), I have determined that the renewal of the Business Research Advisory Council (BRAC) is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Labor.

The Council will advise the Commissioner of Labor Statistics on technical economic and statistical matters, in the analysis of the Bureau's statistics, and on the broader aspects of its program from an informed business point of view; and provide a realistic and timely, two-way communications structure between business users and providers of basic economic statistics and a major governmental statistics-producing unit.

Council membership is selected to represent a cross section of American business and industry.

The Council will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding renewal of the Business Research Advisory Council. Such comments should be addressed to: Nancy J. Sullivan, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4110, Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone: (202) 606-5903.

Signed at Washington, DC this 6th day of February 1998.

Alexis M. Herman,

Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

February 5, 1998.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an