

- 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: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

OMB Number: 1220-0050.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping and Reporting.

Frequency: Quarterly; Weekly; and Annually.

Number of Respondents: 17,374.

Information collection	Annual responses	Average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
CE Quarterly Interview CAPI Instrument	38,516	1.5	57,774
Quarterly Interview Re-interview	2,118	0.25	530
CD Diary: CE-801, Record of Daily Expenses	15,490	1.75	27,108
CE Diary: CE-802 Household Questionnaire	23,235	0.42	9,681
CE Diary Re-interview, CE-880, CE-880(N)	1,293	0.20	259
Totals	80,652	95,352

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The Consumer Expenditure Surveys are used to gather information on expenditures, income, and other related subjects. These data are used to periodically update the national Consumer Price Index. In addition the data are used by a variety of researchers in academia, government agencies, and the private sector. The data are collected from a national probability sample of households designed to represent the total civilian non-institutional population.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendation; Local Area Survey of the WIA Performance Measurement System

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, is conducting a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance

with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Through this notice, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning a proposed new collection of data on performance accountability and measurement policies and practices employed by local workforce investment areas (LWIA) under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

A copy of the proposed survey can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before December 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Alberta Baker, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Policy Development, Evaluation and Research, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5637, Washington DC 20210, (202) 693-3642.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alberta Baker (202) 693-3642.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration seeks to gather information about the performance accountability and measurement system and how this system impacts specific

local area policies, practices, and service delivery under WIA. This survey will enable ETA to collect uniform data across all Local Workforce Investment Areas providing DOL with a snapshot of the performance accountability and measurement system as a whole and, in addition, pointing to areas of potential concern and areas of strength within this system. The data will provide information on local policies and procedures related to performance accountability including the goals established for local areas, the management tools and practices local areas have put in place to help meet these goals, the influence of broader performance measurement system on local service delivery design, and local areas' awareness and assessment of Common Measures, which are to be implemented in all job training and employment programs in 2004.

Performance accountability and measurement have been important features of the nation's workforce investment system. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) establishes a performance accountability system, the explicit purpose of which (Sec. 136(a)) is "to assess the effectiveness of States and local areas in achieving continuous improvement of workforce investment activities funded under this subtitle." DOL negotiates goals for performance outcomes with each state, and states, in turn, negotiate with their local areas to set local goals. Beyond negotiated performance levels, states can give local areas substantial discretion in designing a system to deliver workforce services. The combination of individually negotiated performance levels and local design discretion suggests there will be