

collection instruments are clearly understood; and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of administrative and survey data on Unemployment Insurance (UI) exhaustees.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before September 7, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Anissa Holm, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, phone: (202) 208-5915 x201 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 219-8506 (this is not a toll-free number), e-mail aholm@doleta.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anissa Holm, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, phone: (202) 208-5918 x201 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 219-8506 (this is not a toll-free number), e-mail aholm@doleta.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

As part of its mandate under Section 906 of the Social Security Act to establish a continuing and comprehensive program of research to evaluate the unemployment compensation system, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and

Training Administration (ETA), is conducting a study of Unemployment Insurance (UI) exhaustees. This study is intended to examine the extent to which recent changes in the U.S. labor market have affected the composition of UI recipients who exhaust benefits and have influenced their postexhaustion labor market experiences. A further objective of the study is to explore recipients' experiences with the delivery of reemployment services and examine whether changes in the workforce development system have affected these experiences.

To meet these objectives, the study will: (1) Identify the factors that explain why recipients exhaust their UI benefit entitlements; (2) examine the labor market experiences of exhaustees and nonexhaustees; (3) assess the extent of recipients' participation in education, training, and reemployment services; (4) determine how patterns in recipient characteristics, labor market experiences, and participation in reemployment services have changed over time, especially over the past decade, and (5) consider the implications of the findings for UI benefit and reemployment services policies.

**II. Current Actions**

To examine these issues, ETA is planning to collect administrative records on UI and reemployment service receipt for random samples of UI recipients drawn from 25 States. ETA is also planning to collect survey data from a subsample of UI exhaustees and, for comparison purposes, a subsample of nonexhaustees. The survey will collect data items unavailable from administrative records. These data

include detailed information on background characteristics of sample members, including the characteristics of their pre-UI jobs; information on their employment and earnings and job characteristics following receipt of UI; and information on their use of education, training, and reemployment services.

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.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Agency:* United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Study of Unemployment Insurance Exhaustees.

*Agency Number:* 1205.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, State governments.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden (hours)
State administrative data request .....	25	One time .....	25	80 hours .....	2,000
UI recipient survey .....	4,000	One time .....	4,000	35 minutes .....	2,333
Totals .....			4,025		4,333

*Total Burden Cost:* \$580,089.

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 request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 29, 1999.

**Grace A. Kilbane,**

*Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.*  
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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**NASA's Procurement Policies, Practices, and Initiatives; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NASA will conduct an open forum meeting to solicit questions, views and opinions of interested persons or firms concerning NASA's procurement policies, practices, and

initiatives. The purpose of the meeting is to have an open discussion between NASA's Associate Administrator for Procurement, industry, and the public.

**DATES:** August 12, 1999, from 9:00 to 11:00AM

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NASA-Ames Research Center, Space Science Auditorium, Bldg. 245, 2nd Floor, North Warehouse Road, Moffett Field, CA 94035.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael R. Basta, NASA-Ames Research

Center, P.O. Box 1000, Mail Stop 241-1, Code JAB, Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000, (650) 604-4010.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Format: There will be a presentation by the Associate Administrator for Procurement, followed by a question and answer period. Procurement issues will be discussed, including NASA policies used in the award and administration of contracts; this forum will be similar to one held recently at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Admittance: Doors will open at a half-hour prior to the presentation. Admittance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Auditorium capacity is limited to approximately 90 persons; therefore, a maximum of two representatives per firm is requested. No reservations will be accepted. Questions for the open forum should be presented at the meeting and should not be submitted in advance. Position papers are not being solicited.

Initiatives: In addition to the general discussion mentioned above, NASA invites comments or questions relative to its ongoing Procurement Initiatives, some of which include but are not limited to the following:

#### **Risk-Based Acquisition Management**

This initiative seeks to integrate the principles of risk management throughout the acquisition process by purposefully considering the various aspects of risk when developing the acquisition strategy, selecting sources, choosing contract type, structuring fee incentives, and conducting contractor surveillance.

#### **Consolidated Contracting Initiative.**

The CCI initiative emphasizes developing, using, and sharing contracts to meet Agency objectives.

#### **Performance Based Contracting**

This initiative is focused on structuring an acquisition around the purpose of the work to be performed rather than using broad, imprecise statements or prescribing of how the work is to be performed.

#### **Profit/Fee Initiative**

This initiative will assess the effectiveness of the Agency's profit/fee practices as a means for motivating and rewarding contractor performance.

In addition, it will investigate other, non-traditional ways to motivate contractor performance.

**Tom Luedtke,**

*Associate Administrator for Procurement.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **National Council on the Humanities; Meeting**

June 30, 1999.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) notice is hereby given the National Council on the Humanities will meet in Washington, DC on March 22-23, 1999.

The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out his functions, and to review applications for financial support and gifts offered to the Endowment and to make recommendations thereon to the Chairman.

The meeting will be held in the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. A portion of the morning and afternoon sessions on July 15-16, 1999, will not be open to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code because the Council will consider information that may disclose: Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; information of a personal nature the disclosure of which will constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and information the disclosure of which would significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on July 15, 1999 will be as follows:

#### **Committee Meetings**

(Open to the Public)

#### *Policy Discussion*

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Preservation and Access/Challenge

Grants—Room 415

Public Programs—Room 420

Federal/State Partnership—Room 507

11:30 a.m. until Adjourned

Research Programs—Room M07

Education Programs—Room M07

(Closed to the Public)

#### *Discussion of Specific Grant Applications and Programs before the Council*

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Research Programs—Room M07

Education Programs—Room M07

10:30 a.m. until Adjourned  
Preservation and Access/Challenge  
Grants—Room 415  
Public Programs—Room 420  
Federal/State Partnership—Room 507  
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
National Humanities Medals  
Meeting—Room 430

The morning session on July 16, 1999 will convene at 9:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Council Room, M-09, and will be open to the public, as set forth below. The agenda for the morning session will be as follows:

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

##### *Reports*

- A. Opening Remarks and Presentations
- B. Staff Report
- C. Reports on Policy & General Matters
  - 1. Overview
  - 2. Research Programs
  - 3. Education Programs
  - 3. Preservation and Access and Challenge Grants
  - 4. Public Programs
  - 5. Federal/State Partnership
  - 6. National Humanities Medals

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be given to the consideration of specific applications and closed to the public for the reasons stated above.

Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, Washington, DC 20506, or call area code (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282. Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

**Nancy E. Weiss,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure and Research; Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research (#1185).

*Date and Time:* September 9-10, 1999, 8:30 am to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 320, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Charles H. Koelbel, Program Director, Advanced Computational