

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Cooperative Agreement Application Package****ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, "Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Cooperative Agreement Application Package," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 18, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site, <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-6929/Fax: 202-395-6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLS signs cooperative agreements with States, and political subdivisions thereof, to assist them in developing and administering programs that deal with occupational safety and health statistics and to arrange through these agreements for research to further the objectives of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The Cooperative Agreement is the vehicle through which State grant agencies are awarded funds. The Cooperative Agreement package

includes application instructions and materials, as well as financial reporting, closeout and other administrative requirements. The information collection is being revised to include a Transmittal and Certification Form, Financial Reconciliation Worksheet, and Property Listing.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1220-0149. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New requirements only take effect upon OMB approval. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 16, 2011 (76 FR 71076).

Interested parties 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 help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1220-0149. 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:* DOL-BLS.

*Title of Collection:* Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Cooperative Agreement Application Package.

*OMB Control Number:* 1220-0149.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 54.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 406.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 367.

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

Dated: April 12, 2012.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; United States City Average**

Pursuant to Section 112 of the 1976 amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act (Pub L. 94-283, 2 U.S.C. 441a (c)(2)(B)(i) and (ii)), the Secretary of Labor has certified to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission and publishes this notice in the **Federal Register** that the United States City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (1967 = 100) increased 356.2 percent from its 1974 annual average of 147.7 to its 2011 annual average of 673.818 and that it increased 27.0 percent from its 2001 annual average of 530.4 to its 2011 annual average of 673.818. Using 1974 as a base (1974 = 100), I certify that the United States City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers thus increased 356.2 percent from its 1974 annual average of 100 to its 2011 annual average of 456.207. Using 2001 as a base (2001 = 100), I certify that the United States City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers increased 27.0 percent from its 2001 annual average of 100 to its 2011 annual average of 127.040. Using 2006 as a base (2006 = 100), the CPI increased 11.6 percent from its 2006 annual average of 100 to its 2011 annual average of 111.578.

Signed at Washington, DC, on the 12th day of April 2012.

**Hilda L. Solis,**

*Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; United States City Average

Pursuant to Section 33105(c) of Title 49, United States Code, and the delegation of the Secretary of Transportation's responsibilities under that Act to the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (49 CFR, Section 501.2(a)(9)), the Secretary of Labor has certified to the Administrator and published this notice in the **Federal Register** that the United States City Average All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (1967 = 100) increased 116.6 percent from its 1984 annual average of 311.1 to its 2011 annual average of 673.818.

Signed at Washington, DC, on the 12th day of April 2012.

**Hilda L. Solis,**

*Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Tribal Consultation Policy

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Labor.

**ACTION:** Proposed policy: Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor seeks comments on a proposed tribal consultation policy. This policy would establish standards for improved consultation with federally recognized Indian Tribes to the extent that a conflict does not exist with laws or regulations. It would apply to any Department action that affects federally recognized Indian tribes and would require that the Department's government-to-government consultation involve appropriate Tribal and Departmental officials.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments received by June 18, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments and additional materials using any of the following methods.

*Electronically:* Submit comments electronically through the *Federal e-*

*Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the Web site instructions for submitting comments for docket number: DOL-2012-0002.

*Regular Mail, express delivery, hand (courier) delivery or messenger service:* Submit comments to Jeremy Bishop, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Office of Public Engagement, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C2313, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeremy Bishop, Office of the Secretary, 202-693-6452 or [bishop.jeremy@dol.gov](mailto:bishop.jeremy@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Labor's proposed policy on consultation with tribes is set forth below.

### U.S. Department of Labor

#### Tribal Consultation Policy

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Appendix A—Executive Order 13175

### I. Background and Purpose

#### A. Executive Order 13175 and DOL's Relationship With Indian Tribes

The United States has a unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribal governments, established through and confirmed by the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, executive orders, and judicial decisions. In recognition of that special relationship, pursuant to Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000, executive departments and agencies are charged with engaging in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of federal policies that

have tribal implications, and are responsible for strengthening the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has collaborated extensively with American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) for many years in advancing its mission of fostering job opportunities, improving working conditions, and assuring work-related benefits and rights of workers and retirees in the United States. In recent years, senior DOL officials have conducted many site visits in Indian Country and regularly engage with Indian tribes and their representatives, including the National Congress of American Indians. The Department's collaboration with Indian tribes encompasses a broad range of DOL matters affecting tribes, including joint efforts to improve tribal program management, rulemaking, regulations, policies, waivers and flexibility, grant programs, contracting opportunities, and regulatory guidance.

The Department's Employment and Training Administration (ETA), for example, awards grants to Indian and Native American entities for programs that have become a key part of improving tribal economic self-sufficiency by ensuring that tribal workers have the skills to build and operate new infrastructure and facilities at the tribal community level and facilitate the creation of new business opportunities in Indian Country. ETA's Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP) administers employment and training services grants to tribal communities in ways that are consistent with the traditional cultural values and beliefs of the people they are designed to serve, including youth and at-risk populations facing employment barriers. DINAP works closely with the Native American Employment and Training Council (NAETC), a federal advisory committee comprised of representatives of Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations appointed by the Secretary of Labor. The NAETC provides advice to the Secretary regarding the overall operation and administration of tribal programs authorized under Section 166 of the Workforce Investment Act (Pub. L. 105-220, as amended), as well as the implementation of other DOL tribal programs and services.

The Department's Women's Bureau (WB) has an ongoing relationship with the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation and works with its