DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption T88–1; Correction

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice; correction.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald B. Lindrew, Deputy Director, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages

AGENCY: Employment and Wages, ETA 586. The Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages (CWC) program provides for a state’s prompt payment of unemployment benefits when a worker transfers to another state.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a precollection 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. (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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the report for the Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages, Form ETA 586.

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

DISTRIBUTION:

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Title: Prohibited Transaction Exemption T88–1.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210–0074.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary E. Montgomery, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–4516, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693–3217 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 3304(a)(9)(B), of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986, requires states to participate in an arrangement for combining employment and wages covered under the different state laws for the purpose of determining unemployed workers’ entitlement to unemployment compensation. The Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages for combined wage claims (CWC), promulgated at 20 CFR part 616, requires the prompt transfer of all available employment and wages between states upon request. The Benefit Payment Promptness Standard, 20 CFR 640, requires the prompt payment of unemployment compensation including benefits paid under the CWC arrangement. The ETA 586 report provides the ETA/Office of Workforce Security with information necessary to measure the scope and effect of the CWC program and monitor the performance of each state in responding to wage transfer requests and the payment of benefits.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the report for the Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages, ETA 586. The Department 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.