SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks approval under the PRA for revisions to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program information collection. The BLS has the statutory responsibility of collecting and publishing monthly information on employment, the average wage received, and the hours worked by area and industry. The LAUS program develops residency-based employment and unemployment statistics through a cooperative Federal-State program that uses employment and unemployment inputs available in State agencies. State agencies prepare monthly estimates and transmit them to the BLS for validation and publication. This information collection has been classified as a revision, because of a redesign to improve the methodology for the program. In addition, certain forms to be cleared under this ICR have undergone minor changes. The BLS Authorizing Statute authorizes this collection. See 29 U.S.C. 1 and 2.

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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1220–0017. The current approval is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2015; however, the DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New requirements would only take effect upon OMB approval. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see related notices published in the Federal Register on September 10, 2014 (79 FR 53787), and October 28, 2014 (79 FR 64217).

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 thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1220–0017. 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: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program.

OMB Control Number: 1220–0017.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 52.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 96,860.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 144,994 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.

Dated: March 6, 2015.


Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

Billings Code 7510–13–P

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Notice of Meeting

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

NAME: Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (#66).

DATE/TIME: April 3, 2015: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, Room 1235, Stafford I Building, 2401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

To help facilitate your entry into the building, contact Sara Dwyer (sdwyer@nsf.gov). Your request should be received on or prior to March 27, 2015.

Virtual attendance will be supported. For detailed instructions, visit the meeting Web site at http://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=134132 &org=MPS.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open, Virtual.

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