

April 28, 2011

Ms. Carol Rowan
BLS Clearance Officer
Division of Management Systems
Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080
2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20212

RE: *Federal Register* notice of March 30, 2011, for the Report on Current Employment Statistics (OMB Number: 1220-0011)

Dear Ms. Rowan:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the Report on Current Employment Statistics. This survey is our main data source for key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses information from these forms on employment, hours, and earnings, by industry and geography to prepare the national income and product accounts (NIPAs), the input-output accounts, the gross domestic product by industry, and the regional accounts. Items used by BEA are listed in the attachment below.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the form's approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9653, or by e-mail at Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,


Dennis J. Fixler
Chief Statistician

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Items Used by BEA from the BLS Report on Current Employment Statistics

Item	Item Use	Used in
Employment; Average weekly hours; Average hourly earnings	To prepare estimates of: Employee Compensation; Wages and Salaries; and Nonfarm Proprietors' Income	National and Personal Income
Employment; Average weekly hours; Average hourly earnings	To prepare estimates of: Personal Consumption Expenditures; and Change in Private Inventories	GDP estimates in the NIPAs
Employment; Average weekly hours; Average hourly earnings	To prepare estimates of: Employment and hours worked	NIPAs
Employment by NAICS sector (by state)	To prepare estimates of: Wages and salaries for the most current quarter	Quarterly State Personal Income Series
Sector-level earnings	To prepare estimates of: Wages and salaries for the most current quarter	Quarterly State Personal Income Series