

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Anderson Glasgow, U.S. Department of Labor, Human Resource Services Center, 200 Constitution Ave. N.W. Room C-5516, Washington, D.C. 20210; Phone: (202) 219-6555 ext. 115; Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may also be transmitted by facsimile to: (202) 219-5820; Internet: glasgow-william@dol.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Department of Labor, as part of its obligation to provide equal employment opportunities, is charged with ensuring that qualified individuals in groups that are underrepresented in various occupations, are included in applicant pools for the Department's positions. See 5 U.S.C. 7201(c); 29 U.S.c. 791; 29 U.S.C. 2000e-16; 5 C.F.R. 720.204; 29 C.F.R. 1614.101(a). to achieve this goal, DOL employment offices have conducted targeted outreach to a variety of sources, including educational institutions, professional organizations, newspapers and magazines. DOL has also participated in career fairs and conferences that reach high concentrations of Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans, Asians, and persons with disabilities.

Without the data provided by this collection, DOL does not have the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of any of these targeted recruiting strategies because collection of racial and national origin information only occurs at the point of hiring. DOL needs to collect data on the pools of applicants which result from the various targeted recruitment strategies listed above. After the certification and selection process has been completed, it is necessary to cross-reference the data collected with the outcome of the qualifications review in order to evaluate the quality of applicants from various recruitment sources. With the information from this collection, DOL can adjust and redirect its targeted recruitment to achieve the best result. DOL will also be able to respond to requests for information received from the Office of Personnel management (OPM) in the course of OPM's evaluation and oversight activities.

**II. Current Actions**

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget approval of the Applicant Background Questionnaire and revision of the Questionnaire form. Extension is

necessary to continue to evaluate the effectiveness of agency recruitment programs in attracting applicants from underrepresented sectors of the population. The revision consists of adding a question concerning whether the respondent has a targeted disabilities, and deleting the request for the respondent to provide his or her Social Security Number.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* U.S. Department of Labor.

*Title:* Applicant Background Questionnaire.

*OMB Number:* 1225-0072.

*Affected Public:* Applicants for positions recruited in the Department of Labor.

*Total Respondents:* 3000 per year (estimate).

*Frequency:* one time per respondent.

*Total Responses:* 3000 per year (estimate).

*Average Time per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 250 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Date: November 25, 1998.

**Tali R. Stepp,**

*Director of Human Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Delegation of Secretary of Labor's Authority and Assignment of Responsibilities Under Certain Sections of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1993 and 1998 to the Assistance Secretary for Employment and Training**

On November 12th, 1998, the Secretary of Labor issued a memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training delegating all authority and assigning all responsibilities of the Secretary of Labor under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, Pub. L. 102-484, § 3161, 42 U.S.C. 7274h, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Pub. L. 105-85, § 3153(e), 111 Stat. 1629,

2043 (1997) to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training. A copy of that memorandum is annexed hereto as and Appendix.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Holl, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, at (202) 219-5577, ext. 115.

Signed in Washington, DC this 12th day of November, 1998.

**Alexis M. Herman,**

*Secretary of Labor.*

**U.S. Department of Labor**

*Secretary of Labor, Washington, D.C.*

November 12, 1998.

Memorandum for: Raymond Bramucci, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training

From: Alexis M. Herman

Subject: Specific Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training

Effective immediately, the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training is hereby delegated all authority and assigned all responsibilities of the Secretary of Labor under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, Pub. L. 102-484, § 3161, 42 U.S.C. 7274h, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Pub. L. 105-85, § 3153 (e), 111 Stat. 1629, 2043 (1997). This authority and responsibility may be redelegated.

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. The committee advises NARA on the full range of programs, policies, and plans for the Center for Legislative Archives in the Office of Records Services.

**DATES:** December 17, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Capitol Building, Room H-130.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Gillette, Director, Center for Legislative Archives, (202) 501-5350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

Archives I Renovation

Update—Legislative Information Systems  
Electronic Access—House Journals, Biographical Directory of Congress Update—Center for Legislative Archives  
Other current issues and new business  
The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

**John W. Carlin,**

*Archivist of the United States.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Reports Clearance Officer invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by December 30, 1998. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: National Science Foundation, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton, 703-306-1125, x 2017. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Reports Clearance Officer publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Foundation's review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. NSF invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Suzanne Plimpton at the address specified above.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Survey of 1996 and 1997 Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations; OMB Control Number 3145-0170.

*Abstract:* OMB clearance for the NSF Survey of Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations (NPOs) expired June 30, 1998. The proposed information clearance request is for an extension of the time period for the survey that is now in the field. The survey collects information on the science and engineering (S&E) research and development (R&D) activities of nonprofit organizations in 1996 and 1997. A prior study with similar objectives was conducted in 1973. The purposes of the study are to: (1) develop estimates of the amounts of R&D funding provided by NPOs and the types of organizations supported; (2) develop estimates of the amount of R&D performed by NPOs; and (3) develop estimates of R&D researchers' employment in NPOs.

*Expected Respondents:* Respondents are nonprofit organizations (NPOs) that funded and/or performed science and engineering research and development in 1996. It will be a mail survey with telephone follow-up as necessary.

NSF is proposing the time extension of one form (Form 1400, the screening survey); the change in format of one form (Form 1402, the Funders survey form); and the reduction in the number of questions in one form (Form 1401, the Performers survey form).

As the table below shows, 2,432 respondents will be asked to complete the qualifying screening survey Form 1400. If they are eligible to participate in the survey, they will also receive either a Form 1401 Performer survey or a Form 1402 Funder survey. Some NPOs have already responded to the Form 1400 (screener) and the 705 eligible organizations will be sent either a Form 1401 or 1402.

Since the answers on the Form 1400 (screener) will determine whether newly contacted organizations will receive the Performer or Funder survey form, we are estimating the number that will be eligible based on the percentage of NPOs that reported themselves eligible in the March 31, 1998 screener mailing. The estimate for the Funders Form 1402 is 245 organizations; the estimate for the Performers Form 1401 is 815 organizations. These figures include both the NPOs that we estimate will be eligible in the next screener mailing and the NPOs that responded after June 30, 1998 to the March 31, 1998 screener (606 Performers 99 Funders).

*Additional Information:* NSF is requesting emergency clearance for the Survey of Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations due to unanticipated poor response to the mailings in March 1998 and June 1998. The universe of possible R&D funders and performers is much larger than we first anticipated. Our initial screening mail-out went to 8,771 organizations; 316 additional funders were selected in the sample but accidentally left off the mailing list. Many of the 5,548 NPOs that we have successfully contacted have either not been involved in R&D or have not met the minimum \$250,000 requirement. We used more time than expected locating and contacting small organizations, which often are transient or short-lived. Our plan to use the Employer Identification Number as a unique key to nonprofit organizations was flawed. Many NPOs had more than one EIN and we were unable to determine by EIN codes whether research institutes were independent and in-scope, or part of universities and out-of-scope. We also experienced technical problems. Performers complained about the length of time needed to complete the survey so we have scaled it down substantially. Slowness of the Website also