

collection request (ICR) for the revised Form 5500 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The new Form 5500 submitted as part of the ICR was made available to the public through the Department of Labor's Internet site. The Notice announced that the Agencies intended to solicit public comments on the computer scannable versions of the new forms developed as part of the EFAST project. Following its Paperwork Reduction Act review, OMB gave Paperwork Reduction Act approval to the new Form 5500 on August 26, 1998, provided certain minor technical adjustments were made to the forms and the Agencies solicited public comments on the computer scannable formats developed by the competing firms as part of the EFAST project.¹ Both firms have now developed computer scannable versions of the new Form 5500.

By this notice, the Agencies are soliciting public comments on the computer scannable formats developed as part of the EFAST project. One firm (Vendor #1) designed a computer scannable Form 5500 to be completed by all filers. The other firm (Vendor #2) designed two versions, one for filers

printing the computer scannable Form 5500 by a computer printer (printer version) and the other for filers completing the form by hand or typewriter (hand/typewriter version). These mock-up versions of the computer scannable Form 5500 are available for viewing and downloading through the Department of Labor's Internet site (www.dol.gov/dol/pwba).

The final computer scannable version of the forms will be published in the **Federal Register** following the selection of the firm that will process the new Form 5500 under the EFAST system. Except for those who file electronically, the use of computer scannable forms will be mandatory for 1999 plan year filings.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.), this notice announces that the Merit Systems Protection Board's request for a three year extension of approval of its optional appeal form, Optional Form 283 (Rev. 10/94) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The appeal form is currently displayed in 5 CFR Part 1201, Appendix I, and on the MSPB Web Page at <http://www.mspb.gov/merit009.html>

In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this form is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to one hour per response, with an average of 30 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

5 CFR section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per responses	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201 and 1209	9,000	1	9,000	.5	4,500

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address shown below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3124-0009 in any correspondence.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the appeal form may be obtained from Arlin Winefordner, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20419 or by calling (202) 653-7200. Comments concerning the paperwork burden should also be addressed to Mr. Winefordner and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for

MSPB, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

Robert E. Taylor,
Clerk of the Board.
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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to renew the information collections described in this notice, which are used in the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant program. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 27, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 3200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-6913; or

¹ The Department of Labor also proposed on December 10, 1998, in the **Federal Register** (63 FR

68370), and requested comments on, revision to the

Department's annual reporting regulations that would implement the new Form 5500 requirements.

electronically mailed to
tamee.fechhelm@arch2.nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-713-6730, or fax number 301-713-6913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) whether the proposed information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

1. *Title:* Application for attendance at the Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents.

OMB number: 3095-0012.

Agency form number: None.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals, often already working on documentary editing projects, who wish to apply to attend the annual one-week Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents, an intensive seminar in all aspects of modern documentary editing techniques taught by visiting editors and specialists.

Estimated number of respondents: 25.

Estimated time per response: 1.5 hours.

Frequency of response: On occasion, no more than annually (when respondent wishes to apply for attendance at the Institute).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 37.5 hours.

Abstract: The application is used by the NHPRC staff to establish the applicants' qualifications and to permit selection of those individuals best qualified to attend the Institute jointly sponsored by the NHPRC, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the

University of Wisconsin. Selected applicants' forms are forwarded to the resident advisors of the Institute, who use them to determine what areas of instruction would be most useful to the applicants.

2. *Title:* National Historical Publications and Records Commission Grant Program.

OMB number: 3095-0013.

Agency form number: None.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Nonprofit organizations and institutions, state and local government agencies, Federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups, and individuals who apply for NHPRC grants for support of historical documentary editions, archival preservation and planning projects, and other records projects.

Estimated number of respondents:

134 per year submit applications; approximately 100 grantees among the applicant respondents also submit semiannual narrative performance reports.

Estimated time per response: 54 hours per application; 2 hours per narrative report.

Frequency of response: On occasion for the application; semiannually for the narrative report. Currently, the NHPRC considers grant applications 2 times per year; respondents usually submit no more than one application per year.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 7,636 hours.

Abstract: The application is used by the NHPRC staff, reviewers, and the Commission to determine if the applicant and proposed project are eligible for an NHPRC grant, and whether the proposed project is methodologically sound and suitable for support. The narrative report is used by the NHPRC staff to monitor the performance of grants.

3. *Title:* Applications for Archival Administration and Historical Documentary Editing Fellowships.

OMB number: 3095-0014.

Agency form number: None.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals who wish to apply for an NHPRC fellowship in archival administration or historical documentary editing. Applicants for the archival administration fellowship must have at least two years' professional archival work experience; applicants for the editing fellowship must hold a Ph.D. or have completed all requirement for the degree except the dissertation.

Estimated number of respondents: 9.

Estimated time per response: 8 hours.

Frequency of response: Generally one-time.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 72 hours.

Abstract: The application is used by the NHPRC staff to establish the applicants' qualifications and to permit selection by the host institution of those individuals best qualified for the fellowships. One fellowship in archival administration and one fellowship in historical editing are awarded each year.

4. *Title:* Application for host institutions of archival administration and historical editing fellowships.

OMB number: 3095-0015.

Agency form number: None.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Nonprofit institutions or organizations that have active archival or special collections programs, and historical documentary publication projects that have received an NHPRC grant.

Estimated number of respondents: 9.

Estimated time per response: 17 hours.

Frequency of response: Generally, one-time although an institution may apply in subsequent years.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 153 hours.

Abstract: The application is used by the NHPRC staff to select applicants to serve as host institutions for the two fellowships supported by the NHPRC each year.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting