DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7573]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collections: Language Learning Survey Questions

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: Language Learning Programs: Pre Program Survey Questions
 - OMB Control Number: None
 - Type of Request: New collection
- Originating Office: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation, Evaluation Division (ECA/P/V)
 - Form Number: SV2011-0024
- Respondents: American participants in ECA exchange programs that focus on critical language learning instruction.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400 annually
- Estimated Number of Responses: 1,400 annually
- Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes
- Total Estimated Burden: 233 hours annually
 - Frequency: On occasion
 - Obligation to Respond: Voluntary
- Title of Information Collection: Language Learning Programs: Post Program Survey Questions
 - OMB Control Number: None
 - Type of Request: New collection
- Originating Office: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation, Evaluation Division (ECA/P/V)
 - $\bullet~$ Form Number: SV2011–0025
- Respondents: American participants in ECA exchange programs that focus on critical language learning instruction.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400 annually
- Estimated Number of Responses: 1,400 annually
- Average Hours per Response: 20 minutes
- Total Estimated Burden: 467 hours annually
 - Frequency: On occasion
 - Obligation to Respond: Voluntary
 - Title of Information Collection:

Language Learning Programs: Follow-up Program Survey Questions

- OMB Control Number: None
- Type of Request: New collection
- Originating Office: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation, Evaluation Division (ECA/P/V)
 - Form Number: SV2011-0026
- Respondents: American participants in ECA exchange programs
- that focus on critical language learning instruction.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400 annually
- Estimated Number of Responses: 1,400 annually
- Average Hours per Response: 20 minutes
- Total Estimated Burden: 467 hours annually
 - Frequency: On occasion
 - Obligation to Respond: Voluntary

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from August 31, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

• E-mail:

oira submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

• Fax: 202–395–5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Michelle Hale, ECA/P/V, SA-5, C2 Floor, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-0582, who may be reached on 202-632-6312 or at HaleMJ2@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond,

Abstract of Proposed Collections

These information collections will allow ECA/P/V to conduct pre-program, post-program and follow-up surveys of exchange participants from various ECA exchange programs that are focused on critical foreign language learning instruction using pre-approved questions. For the purposes of this collection the respondents will be Americans who travel abroad on these programs. Collecting this data will allow ECA/P/V to help inform the overall effectiveness of ECA language learning programs, by gathering data to be used for program support, such as planning and design, as well as to help monitor the program's performance.

• Language Learning Programs: Pre Program Survey Questions: This collection will cover pre-program

surveys.

- Language Learning Programs: Post Program Survey Questions: This collection will cover post program surveys.
- Language Learning Programs: Follow-up Program Survey Questions: This collection will cover follow-up program surveys.

Methodology

ECA/P/V estimates that 100% of the data collected through these information collections will be done so electronically via a Web-based surveying system for ease of use.

Additional Information:
These three collections together represent the full spectrum of the performance measurement process (i.e., a pre-program, post-program, and follow-up program surveying), and data collected across these collections will be used to monitor ECA's language learning programs. The proposed questions have been designed to appear across these collections as appropriate, and therefore it is imperative that these questions remain unchanged so as to continue our vital performance measurement work.

Dated: August 23, 2011.

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Acting Director of the Office of Policy and Evaluation, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: General Aviation Awards Program

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.