

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15,137.
Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 31, 2005.

Patricia L. Dunnington,
Chief Information Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 05-019]

Notice of Information Collection Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection under OMB review

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: All comments should be submitted within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Desk Officer for NASA; Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Room 10236; New Executive Office Building; Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Kathy Shaeffer, Acting NASA Reports Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Mail Code V, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-1230, kshaeff1@hq.nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is requesting renewal of an existing collection that is used to help NASA to assess the services provided by its procurement offices.

The NASA Procurement Customer Survey is used to determine whether NASA's Procurement Offices are providing an acceptable level of service to the business/educational community, and if not, which areas need improvement.

Respondents will be business concerns and educational institutions that have been awarded a NASA procurement, or are interested in receiving such an award.

II. Method of Collection

NASA uses electronic methods to collect information from collection respondents.

III. Data

Title: NASA Procurement Customer Survey.

OMB Number: 2700-0101.

Type of review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 125.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 05-017]

Notice of Information Collection Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection under OMB review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is requesting renewal of an existing collection that is used to ensure the proper disposition of rights to inventions made in the course of NASA-funded research. This information is required to monitor contract compliance in support of NASA's mission and in response to procurement requirements.

Collection of the information ensures proper use and disposition of rights in inventions and data developed under NASA contracts. Legal requirements for collection are set forth in 42 U.S.C. 2457, *et seq.*, and 35 U.S.C. 200, *et seq.*, Collection is prescribed in the NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, Part 1827, Patents, Data and Copyrights (48 CFR Part 1827).

The information is used by NASA legal and contracting offices to ensure disposition of inventions in accordance with statutes and to determine the Government's rights in data.

II. Method of Collection

NASA utilizes paper and electronic methods to collect information from collection respondents.

III. Data

Title: NASA FAR Supplement, Part 1827, Patents, Data, & Copyrights.

OMB Number: 2700-0052.

Type of review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2351.

Estimated Time Per Response: Ranges from 1/2 hour to 8 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 8,603.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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Dated: January 31, 2005.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 62726, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: NSF Proposal Review Process.

OMB Control No.: 3145-0060.

Proposed Project Proposal Evaluation Process

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent Federal agency created by the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861-75). The Act states the purpose of the NSF is "to promote the progress of science; [and] to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare" by supporting research and education in all fields of science and engineering."

From those first days, NSF has had a unique place in the Federal Government: It is responsible for the overall health of science and

engineering across all disciplines. In contrast, other Federal agencies support research focused on specific missions such as health or defense. The Foundation also is committed to ensuring the nation's supply of scientists, engineers, and science and engineering educators.

The Foundation fulfills this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. It does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, businesses, informal science organizations and other research institutions throughout the U.S. The Foundation accounts for about one-fourth of Federal support to academic institutions for basic research.

The Foundation relies heavily on the advice and assistance of external advisory committees, ad-hoc proposal reviewers, and to other experts to ensure that the Foundation is able to reach fair and knowledgeable judgments. These scientists and educators come from colleges and universities, nonprofit research and education organizations, industry, and other Government agencies.

In making its decisions on proposals, the counsel of these merit reviewers has proven invaluable to the Foundation in the identification of meritorious projects.

Review of proposals may involve large panel sessions, small groups, use of individuals, ad hoc "mail reviews" by three or more reviewers, or some combination of these peer review methods. Proposals are reviewed carefully by scientists or engineers who are expert in the particular field represented by the proposal. About 50% are reviewed exclusively by panels of reviewers who gather, usually in Arlington, VA, to discuss their advice as well as to deliver it. About 35% are reviewed first by mail reviewers expert in the particular field, then by panels, usually of persons with more diverse expertise, who help the NSF decide among proposals from multiple fields or sub-fields. Finally, about 15% are reviewed exclusively by mail.

Use of the Information

The information collected on the proposal evaluation forms is used by the Foundation in applying the following criteria when awarding or declining proposals submitted to the Agency: (1) What is the intellectual merit of the proposed activity? (2) What are the broader impacts of the proposed activity?