

solicitations. For a list of frequently asked questions on Solicitations for Cooperative Agreement Applications (based on last year's solicitations, SGAs 07-10 and 07-11), please visit <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/faq/faq0710.htm>.

Key Dates: The forthcoming solicitation(s) for cooperative agreement applications will be published on <http://www.grants.gov> and USDOL/ILAB's Web site. A brief synopsis of the solicitation(s) for cooperative agreement applications (SGA) and Web site links to the full-text SGAs will be published in the **Federal Register**. The SGA will remain open for at least 30 days from the date of publication. All cooperative agreement awards will be made on or before September 30, 2008.

Submission Information: Applications in response to the forthcoming solicitation must be submitted via <http://www.grants.gov>. Any application sent by mail or other delivery services, e-mail, telegram, or facsimile (Fax) will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lisa Harvey. E-mail address: harvey.lisa@dol.gov. All inquiries should make reference to the USDOL Combating Child Labor through Education—Solicitations for Cooperative Agreement Applications.

Bidders' Meeting: USDOL intends to hold a bidders' meeting on April 24, 2008, in Washington, DC at the Department of Labor from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to provide potential applicants with the opportunity to ask questions concerning this Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Applications process. To register for the meeting, please call or email Ms. Doris Senko (Phone: 202-693-4843; E-mail: senko.doris@dol.gov) by April 17, 2008. Please provide Ms. Senko with attendees' contact information, including name, organization, address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Background Information: Since 1995, USDOL has supported technical cooperation programming to combat exploitive child labor internationally through the promotion of educational opportunities for children in need. In total, the U.S. Congress has appropriated to USDOL over U.S. \$660 million to support activities to combat exploitive child labor internationally. In turn, ILAB has signed cooperative agreements with various organizations to support international technical assistance projects to combat exploitive child labor in over 75 countries around the world.

USDOL international programming to combat exploitive child labor through

education seeks to nurture the development, health, safety, and enhanced future employability of children around the world by withdrawing or preventing children from involvement in exploitive labor and providing them with access to basic education, vocational training and other services. Eliminating exploitive child labor depends, in part, on improving access to, quality of, and relevance of educational and training opportunities for children under 18 years of age. Without improving such opportunities, children withdrawn from exploitive forms of labor may not have viable alternatives to child labor and may be more likely to return to such work or resort to other hazardous means of subsistence.

International projects funded by USDOL to combat exploitive child labor seek to:

1. Withdraw or prevent children from involvement in exploitive child labor through the provision of direct educational and training services;
2. Strengthen policies on child labor and education, the capacity of national institutions to combat child labor, and formal and transitional education systems that encourage working children and those at risk of working to attend school;
3. Raise awareness of the importance of education for all children and mobilize a wide array of actors to improve and expand education infrastructures;
4. Support research and the collection of reliable data on child labor; and
5. Ensure the long-term sustainability of these efforts.

When working to eradicate exploitive child labor, USDOL strives to complement existing efforts, to build on the achievements of and lessons learned from these efforts, to expand impact and build synergies among actors, and to avoid duplication of resources and efforts.

Signed at Washington, DC this 1st day of April, 2008.

Lisa Harvey,
Grant Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request; Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Hazard Communication

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or containing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 9, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Debbie Ferraro, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2141, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to Ferraro.debbie@dol.gov. Ms. Ferraro can be reached at (202) 693-9821 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 101(a)(7) of the Mine Act requires, in part, that mandatory standards "prescribe the use of labels or other appropriate forms of warning as are necessary to insure that miners are apprised of all hazards to which they are exposed, relevant symptoms and appropriate emergency treatment, and proper conditions and precautions for safe use or exposure". MSHA collected evidence from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's (NIOSH) Occupational Health Survey of Mining and other sources indicating that there is chemical exposure occurring in every type of mine, although every miner may not be exposed. We are concerned that miners being exposed to chemicals may not know the hazards of those chemicals or the appropriate precautions to prevent injury or illness caused by exposure to a hazardous chemical.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection

requirement related to Hazard Communication (HazCom). MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSHA's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Address the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses) to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules and Regs", and then selecting "Fed Reg Docs."

III. Current Actions

The HazCom standard involves third-party information sharing. It requires mine operators and/or contractors to assess the hazards of chemicals they produce or use and provide information to their miners concerning the chemicals' hazards. The mine operators and/or contractors must develop a written hazard communication program that describes how they will inform miners of chemical hazards and safe handling procedures through miner training, labeling containers of hazardous chemicals, and providing miners access to material safety data sheets (MSDSs). The purpose of the information sharing is to provide miners with the right to know the hazards and identities of the chemicals they are exposed to while working, as well as the measures they can take to protect themselves from these hazards. Through HazCom mine operators and/or contractors also have the necessary information regarding the hazards of chemicals present at their mines, so that work methods are improved or instituted to minimize exposure to these chemicals. HazCom provides miners with access to this information, so that they can take action to protect themselves.

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.
Title: Hazard Communication.
OMB Number: 1219-0133.
Recordkeeping: 3 years.
Frequency: On Occasion.
Affected Public: Business or other for profit.
Total Respondents: 22,381.
Total Responses: 813,753.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 177,668.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$13,199.

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.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 2nd day of April, 2008.

David L. Meyer,

Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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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, Public Law 104-13. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. This is the second notice; the first notice was published at 73 FR 4922 and no comments were received. 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; and (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: National Science Foundation Applicant Survey.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0096.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: The current National Science Foundation Applicant survey has been in use for several years. Data are collected from applicant pools to examine the racial/sexual/disability composition and to determine the source of information about NSF vacancies.

Use of the Information: Analysis of the applicant pools is necessary to determine if NSF's targeted recruitment efforts are reaching groups that are underrepresented in the Agency's workforce and/or to defend the Foundation's practices in discrimination cases.

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates about 4,000 responses annually at 1 minute per response; this computes to approximately 67 hours annually.

Dated: April 3, 2008.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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