

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Title XII Advances and Voluntary Repayment Process.

OMB Number: 1205-0199.

Agency Number: Not applicable.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Total Respondents: Up to 53.

Frequency: As needed, based on a State's discretion.

Total Responses: DOL currently projects that on average, 27 States could borrow during each calendar year from 2010 through 2012. Although it's impossible to know the exact number of responses, the maximum would be 4 requests for advances and 4 requests for voluntary repayments per State each year. This will result in 648 total responses over the three year window or an average of 216 responses per year.

Average Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 216.

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.

Dated: Friday, May 15, 2009.

Cheryl Atkinson,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

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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. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the *Federal Register* at 74 FR 964, and three 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. The full submission of this information collection request may be found at: [http://](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain)

www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. 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; or (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 chines@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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. 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.

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:

Comments: On January 9, 2009, we published in the *Federal Register* (74 FR 964) a 60-day notice of our intent to request renewal of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days ending March 10, 2009. Three comments were received from the public notice. The first comment came from B. Sachau of Floram Park, NJ, via e-mail on January 9, 2005. Ms. Sachau objected to the information collection.

Ms. Sachau had no specific suggestions for altering the data collection plans other than to discontinue them entirely. Because the comment does not pertain to the collection of information on the required forms for which NSF is seeking OMB approval, NSF is proceeding with the clearance request.

The second comment (more of a request) came from Jerry Stone with the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). He requested a copy of the current survey form and instructions, which were provided to him.

The third comment came from Dr. Dennis Fixler, the Chief Statistician of BEA, who submitted a letter of support for the survey (included with the information collection request materials found at the Web site above). This letter stated that the collected survey data are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics and requested some additional data elements be collected in future years. Some of these elements are planned to be collected on the redesigned survey instrument, which will be pilot tested with 40 institutions during the FY 2009 survey. The letter also requested that BEA be kept informed about modifications to the survey instrument.

Title: Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges.

OMB Control Number: 3145-0100.

Proposed Renewal Project: Separately budgeted current fund expenditures on research and development in the sciences and engineering performed by universities and colleges and Federally funded research and development centers—A Web survey, the Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges, originated in fiscal year (FY) 1954 and has been conducted annually since FY 1972. The survey is the academic research and development expenditure component of the NSF statistical program that seeks to provide a "central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in the United States, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal government," as mandated in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950.

Use of the Information: The proposed project will continue the annual survey cycle for up to three years. The Academic R&D Survey will be a census of the full population—for FY 2009 an expected 751 institutions (713 universities or colleges plus 38 federally

funded research and development centers—FFRDCs). These institutions account for over 95 percent of the Nation's academic R&D funds. NSF will also conduct a pretest of a revised and expanded version of the survey for planned implementation in FY 2010 with a subset of 40 universities or colleges.

The survey has provided continuity of statistics on R&D expenditures by source of funds and by science & engineering (S&E) field, with separate data requested on current fund expenditures for research equipment by

S&E field. Further breakdowns are collected on passed through funds to subrecipients and received as a subrecipient, and on R&D expenditures by field of science and engineering from specific Federal Government agency sources. Information on R&D for non-S&E fields is also requested. Data are published in NSF's annual publication series *Academic R&D Expenditures* and are available electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey is a fully automated Web data collection effort and is handled primarily by the administrators in

university budget and accounting offices. To minimize burden, institutions are provided with an abundance of guidance and help menus on the Web, in addition to printing and responding via paper copy if necessary. Each record is pre-loaded with the institution's 2 previous years' data and a complete program for editing and trend checking. Response to this voluntary survey in FY 2007 was 96.9 percent.

Burden estimates are as follows:¹

Year	Total number of institutions	Doctorate-granting burden hours	Master's-granting burden hours	Bachelor's degree burden hours	FFRDC's burden hours
FY 1999	480	20.8	13.0	7.5	9.4
FY 2000	700	21.0	12.0	10.5	9.2
FY 2001	625	30.2	11.9	9.0	12.1
FY 2002	625	28.7	14.9	12.2	4.5

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Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Establish an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by July 21, 2009 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne Plimpton, Acting Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone 703-292-7556; or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information

Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Suzanne Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: National Evaluation of the Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Faculty and Student Surveys.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-NEW.
Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

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

Proposed Project: The Division of Human Resource Development (HER/HRD) of the National Science Foundation has requested impact information on the Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Program. Funded by NSF, the AGEP Program has funded 28 alliances of colleges and universities to promote the participation of underrepresented minority groups in PhD programs in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The ultimate goal of the program is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in these fields who enter the professoriate. NSF now seeks follow-up information on program participants—that is, students and faculty—to determine what impact the program has had on graduate students' decisions to enroll in and graduate from STEM doctoral programs

and enter the professoriate. NSF proposes a one-time on-line survey of STEM graduate students currently enrolled in STEM doctoral programs and faculty members at universities taking part in AGEP.

Estimate of Burden: The Foundation estimates that, on average, 30 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the surveys, for a total of 8,250 hours for all respondents. Respondents from the 104 institutions that received NSF AGEP support will be asked to complete this survey once.

Respondents: STEM faculty at AGEP institutions and STEM graduate students at AGEP institutions.

Estimate Total Number of Responses: 16,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,250 hours.

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Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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¹ Average burden hours for institutions responding to burden item.