

Attorney General issued new FOIA guidelines on March 19, 2009; The purpose of the Attorney General's memorandum is to underscore the FOIA's purpose of providing an open government and to help ensure that it is realized in practice. The guidelines provided by the Attorney General stress the important implications of the President's call for a presumption of openness, emphasize that the FOIA is everyone's responsibility, and direct agencies to work proactively and promptly. A full text of these guidelines is available on the Department of Justice's Web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/ag/foia-memo-march2009.pdf>. Pursuant to the President's instruction, the Attorney General's guidelines are also published here.

Dated: September 17, 2009.

Melanie Ann Pustay,

Director, Office of Information Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Request for Comments on the Proposed Information Collection for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Reserve Funding Request Form. 1205-0275, Extension With No Revisions

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing 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. Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of data collection for the ETA Form 9117 (formerly ETA-9023), Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Reserve Funding Request Form (1205-0275, expires 1/31/2010).

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before November 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Chris Meservy, Program Analyst, Room C-5428, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-2806 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: 202-693-3584. E-mail: meservy.chris.h@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program provides assistance to workers that have been adversely affected by foreign trade. Under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the statutory training cap is \$575 million each year, with additional funding available for job search and relocation allowances and State administration. To be eligible for TAA benefits and services, a group of workers, a company official, a union or other duly authorized representative, or a One Stop Operator or partner must file a petition with the Department of Labor. If the Department determines that the workers meet the statutory criteria, it issues a certification of eligibility for the workers in the group to apply for benefits and services through partnerships between the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) and the One Stop Career Center system.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- * Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- * Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- * Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- * 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension with no revisions.

Title: Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Reserve Funding Request.

OMB Number: 1205-0275.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal government.

Total Respondents: 25.

Frequency: On occasion.

Forms: ETA 9117, ETA 9023.

Average Time per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 75.

Comments submitted in response to this ICR 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: This 23rd day of September 2009.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Site visit review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC) at the University of Wisconsin, #1203.

Dates & Times:

October 25, 2009; 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

October 26, 2009; 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

October 27, 2009; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Place: University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

Type of Meeting: Part-open.

Contact Person: Dr. Charles Ying, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-8428.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning further support of the MRSEC at the University of Wisconsin.

Agenda:

Sunday, October 25, 2009

5 p.m.-5:15 p.m.: Closed—Executive Session.
5:15 p.m.-7 p.m.: Open—Review of the Wisconsin MRSEC.

Monday, October 26, 2009

7:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.: Closed—Executive Session.
 8:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.: Open—Review of the Wisconsin MRSEC.
 4:30 p.m.–8 p.m.: Closed—Executive Session and Dinner Meeting.

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

8 a.m.–9 a.m.: Closed—Executive session.
 9 a.m.–10 a.m.: Open—Review of the Wisconsin MRSEC.
 10 a.m.–3 p.m.: Closed—Executive Session, Draft and Review Report.

Reason for Closing: The work being reviewed may include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 24, 2009.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130).

Date/Time:

November 9, 2009, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November 10, 2009, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Sue LaFratta, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292–8030.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs, and activities on the polar research community, to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long-range planning.

Agenda: Staff presentations and discussion on opportunities and challenges for polar research, education and infrastructure; discussion of Committee of Visitors meetings; transformative research.

Dated: September 24, 2009.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541)**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Modification Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 29, 2009. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292–7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Description of Permit Modification Requested: The Foundation issued a permit (2007–003) to Dr. Rennie S. Holt, Direct of the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Program, on December 26, 2006. Dr. Holt has retired and the permit is now under the name of the new Director, Dr. George Watters. The issued permit allows the applicant to conduct census surveys, attendance, diving, foraging, diet, age determination, pathology, and long term monitoring (tagging) of pennipeds and seabirds.

The applicant requests the following modifications to his permit to:

(1) Capture to instrument, tag (flipper and PIT), collect blood, vibrissae,

muscle/blubber biopsy, milk (if lactating), DNA sample, weight and measure 30 adult and 30 juvenile Weddell seals.

(2) Increase the total allowable tagged Leopard seals from 20 to 40. To avoid capture and limit the amount of impact on individual seals, the applicant would opportunistically tag Leopard seals on a rear flipper without capture.

(3) The applicant would like to deploy up to 110 microprocessors attached to existing flipper tags. No additional takes requested as the GLS tags will be added while implementing other protocols permitted elsewhere in the permit. Tags will be recovered the following season.

(4) Increase the already permitted number of takes from 50 to 100 juvenile Antarctic Fur seals to replace lost tags.

(5) Increase the number takes of adult Antarctic Fur seals from 20 to 100 to collect DNA samples (2mm biopsy punch on the end of a jab stick (ski pole).

(6) PIT (Passive Integrated Transponders) tags will be placed subcutaneously between the tail and pelvis on the mid-line of each animal.

Location: Cape Shirreff and San Telmo Island, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands.

Dates: October 1, 2009 to April 20, 2011.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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