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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: Coastal Zone Management Act External Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 78.

Average Hours per Response: Two hours.

Burden Hours: 156.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is an external evaluation of how the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) is operating and managing coastal management and estuarine research reserve programs under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), particularly in terms of how the OCRM plans, measures, reviews and directs funding for these programs to achieve the objectives of the CZMA. The contractor shall examine the extent to which planning and performance-based management processes have changed in the past five to six years and make recommendations to the appropriate officials of NOAA, the National Ocean Service (NOS), and the OCRM about how the programs can further improve their planning, budgeting, and performance measurement processes to weigh priorities and assign resources based on the clearest needs. The contractor shall also make recommendations, if appropriate, for improving the programs' evaluation and

funding guidance and mechanisms to enhance its capacity for demonstrate program outcomes and results, as well as improving linkages between the component programs.

Affected Public: State, local and tribal governments; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: November 30, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington,

DC 20230 (or via e-mail to dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Anne Neville, National Broadband Mapping Program Director, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Room 4898, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230 (or via e-mail to aneville@ntia.doc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of the State Broadband Data and Development (SBDD) Grant Program is to implement the joint goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Broadband Data Improvement Act by assisting, through grants, states or their designees in gathering and verifying state-specific data on the availability, speed, location, technology and infrastructure of broadband services. The data will be used to develop publicly available state-wide broadband maps and to help populate the comprehensive and searchable national broadband map that NTIA is required under the Recovery Act to create and make publicly available by February 17, 2011.

Despite the importance of broadband to the U.S. economy, information about broadband availability is currently lacking. The data collected will provide critical information for grant-making, regulatory and policy-making efforts, improve the quality of State-level broadband information, and help ensure map accuracy. The national broadband map will improve market efficiency by providing important information to consumers about broadband consumption options and will enable investors to make better strategic choices about network expansion. The national broadband map will also directly aid in the development of a faster, more extensive broadband infrastructure to reach a greater number of Americans, particularly in unserved and underserved areas.

On July 8, 2009, NTIA issued the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) and Solicitation of Applications setting forth the requirements for the SBDD Grant Program (*See* 74 FR 32545, July 8,