

renourishment, sand retention structures, and future storm damage reduction measures.

NASA plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the project and to solicit comments on the Draft SRIPP PEIS. The public meeting is currently scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the WFF Visitor Information Center, Route 175, Wallops Island, Virginia, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Written public input on environmental issues and concerns associated with the WFF SRIPP are hereby requested.

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*Assistant Administrator for Infrastructure.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this information collection. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the *Federal Register* at 74 FR 68637 and one comment was received regarding the materials provided. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**DATES:** Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by OMB within 30 days of publication in the *Federal Register*.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling (703) 292-7556.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR**

**COMMENTS:** Contact Suzanne Plimpton,

the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (703) 292-7556, or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto: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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays).

An agency 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:

*Comment:* On December 28, 2009, we published in the *Federal Register* (74 FR 68637) a 60-day notice of our intent to request reinstatement of this information collection authority from OMB. One comment came from Jean Public of Florham Park, NJ, via e-mail on January 1, 2010. The commenter requested a list of the surveys described in the notice.

*Response:* NSF responded that this information is publicly available via two sources: <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/> and <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/seind10/>. NSF believes that because the comment does not contain suggestions for altering the collection of information for which NSF is seeking OMB approval, NSF is proceeding with the clearance request.

*Title:* Generic Clearance of the Science Resources Statistics Survey Improvement Projects.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0174.

*Abstract:* Generic Clearance of the Science Resources Statistics Survey Improvement Projects. The National Science Foundation's Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS) needs to collect timely data on constant changes in the science and technology sector and to provide the most complete and accurate information possible to policy makers in Congress and throughout government and academia. NSF/SRS conducts many surveys to obtain the data for these purposes. The Generic Clearance will be used to ensure that the highest quality data are obtained from these surveys. State-of-the-art methodology will be used to develop, evaluate, and test questionnaires and survey concepts as well as to improve survey methodology. This may include field or pilot tests of questions for future large-scale surveys, as needed.

*Expected Respondents.* The respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and State, local, and federal governments. Respondents will be either individuals or institutions, depending upon the survey under investigation. Qualitative procedures will generally be conducted in person or over the phone, but quantitative procedures may be conducted using mail, Web, e-mail, or phone modes, depending on the topic under investigation. Up to 19,150 respondents will be contacted across all survey improvement projects. No respondent will be contacted more than twice in one year under this generic clearance. Every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be used to improve NSF's current data collection instruments and processes and to reduce respondent burden, as well as to develop new surveys. Qualitative methods include, but are not limited to, expert review; exploratory, cognitive, and usability interviews; focus groups; and respondent debriefings. Cognitive and usability interviews may include the use of scenarios, paraphrasing, card sorts, vignette classifications, and rating tasks. Quantitative methods include, but are not limited to, telephone surveys, behavior coding, split panel tests, and field tests.

Information being collected is not considered sensitive. In general, assurances of data confidentiality will not be provided to respondents in the pretests. Instead, respondents have the option of requesting that any and all data they provide be kept confidential.

*Use of the Information.* The purpose of these studies is to use the latest and most appropriate methodology to improve NSF surveys. The data will be used internally to improve NSF surveys. Methodological findings may be presented externally in technical papers at conferences, published in the proceedings of conferences, or in journals. Improved NSF surveys will help policy makers in decisions on research and development funding, graduate education, scientific and technical workforce, regulations, and reporting guidelines, as well as contributing to reduced survey costs.

*Burden on the Public.* NSF estimates that a total reporting and recordkeeping burden of 14,280 hours will result from activities to improve its surveys. The calculation is:

Potential survey name	Number of respondents <sup>1</sup>	Hours
Graduate Student Survey .....	<sup>2</sup> 1,500	2,500
SESTAT Surveys .....	10,000	5,000
Postdoc Project .....	2,000	2,500
New and Redesignated R&D Surveys:		
Higher Education R&D .....	400	1,200
Government R&D .....	60	180
Nonprofit R&D .....	100	300
Business R&D .....	50	150
Microbusiness R&D .....	150	450
Survey of Scientific & Engineering Facilities .....	300	300
Public Understanding of S&E Surveys .....	200	50
Survey of Earned Doctorates .....	700	450
Additional surveys not specified .....	1,200	1,200
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>16,660</b>	<b>14,280</b>

<sup>1</sup> Number of respondents listed for any individual survey may represent several methodological improvement projects.

<sup>2</sup> This number refers to the science, engineering, and health-related departments within the academic institutions of the United States (not the academic institutions themselves).

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 23, 2010.

**Suzanne Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Comment Request: National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—Grant Proposal Guide**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewed clearance of this collection. In accordance with the

requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by April 27, 2010 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to *splimpto@nsf.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to *splimpto@nsf.gov*.

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between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* “National Sciences Foundation Proposal/Award Information-Grant Proposal Guide”.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0058.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2004.

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

*Proposed Project:* The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81-507) set forth NSF’s mission and purpose:

“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense.  
\* \* \*”

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

Over the years, NSF’s statutory authority has been modified in a number of significant ways. In 1968, authority to support applied research was added to the Organic Act. In 1980, The Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities Act gave NSF standing authority to support activities to improve the participation of women and minorities in science and engineering.

Another major change occurred in 1986, when engineering was accorded