

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Request for Public Comment; 60-Day Proposed Information Collection: Indian Health Service; Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, which requires 60 days for public comment on proposed information collection projects, the Indian Health Service (IHS) is publishing for comment a summary of a proposed information collection to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

Proposed Collection: Title: 0917–0014, “Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program.” *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of currently approved information collection, 0917–0014,

“Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program.” The LRP application has been revised so that it is now available in an electronically fillable and fileable format. *Form(s):* The IHS LRP Information Booklet contains the instructions and the application formats. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The IHS LRP identifies health professionals with pre-existing financial obligations for education expenses that meet program criteria and who are qualified and willing to serve at, often remote, IHS health care facilities. Under the program, eligible health professionals sign a contract through which the IHS agrees to repay part or all of their indebtedness for professional training time in IHS health care facilities. This program is necessary to augment the critically low health professional staff at IHS health care facilities.

Any health professional wishing to have their health education loans repaid may apply to the IHS LRP. A two-year contract obligation is signed by both parties, and the individual agrees to

work at an IHS location and provide health services to American Indian and Alaska Native individuals.

The information collected via the on-line application from individuals is analyzed and a score is given to each applicant. This score will determine which applicants will be awarded each fiscal year. The administrative scoring system assigns a score to the geographic location according to vacancy rates for that fiscal year and also considers whether the location is in an isolated area. When an applicant accepts employment at a location, they in turn “pick-up” the score of that location. *Affected Public:* Individuals and households. *Type of Respondents:* Individuals.

The table below provides: Types of data collection instruments, Estimated number of respondents, Number of responses per respondent, Annual number of responses, Average burden hour per response, and Total annual burden hour(s).

ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS

Data Collection Instrument(s)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual responses
LRP Application	510	1	1.5	765

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Requests for Comments: Your comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points:

- (a) Whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function;
- (b) Whether the agency processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion;
- (c) The accuracy of public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information);
- (d) Whether the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates are logical;
- (e) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and
- (f) How the newly created online application assists the applicant efficiently and effectively.

Send your comments, requests for more information on the proposed collection, or requests to obtain a copy of the data collection instruments to: Ms. Tamara Clay, Acting IHS Reports

Clearance Officer, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP, Suite 450–30, Rockville, MD 20852–1627; call non-toll free (301) 443–4750; send via facsimile to (301) 443–2316; or send your email requests, comments, and return address to: *Tamara.Clay@ihs.gov*. *Comment Due Date:* April 27, 2012. Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: February 13, 2012.

Yvette Roubideaux,
Indian Health Service Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; STAR METRICS (Science and Technology for America’s Reinvestment: Measuring the Effects of Research on Innovation, Competitiveness and Science)

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Oct 5, 2011 and allowed 60 days for public comment. One comment was received from the public. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has

been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: STAR METRICS (Science and Technology for America's Reinvestment: Measuring the Effects of Research on Innovation, Competitiveness and Science). **Type of Information Collection Request:** Extension of OMB number 0925-0616, expiration date 03/31/2012. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** The aim of STAR METRICS is twofold. The goal of STAR METRICS is to continue to provide mechanisms that will allow

participating universities and Federal agencies with a reliable and consistent means to account for the number of scientists and staff that are on research institution payrolls, supported by federal funds. In subsequent generations of the program, it is hoped that STAR METRICS will allow for measurement of science impact on economic outcomes (such as job creation), on knowledge generation (such as citations, and patents) as well as on social and health outcomes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.
Affected Public: Universities and other research institutions. **Type of**

Respondents: University administrators. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondent: 100. **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 4. **Average Burden Hours per Response:** 2.5. **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:** 1,315. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated to be \$65,750. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

A.12-1—ESTIMATES OF ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average Time per response (in hours)	Annual hour burden
Stage 1: One time data input	7	1	45	315
Stage 2: Ongoing quarterly data input	100	4	2.5	1000
Total				1315

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functioning of the National Cancer Institute, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Attention: NIH Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, at OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-6974. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: George Chacko, Office of Planning, Analysis, and Evaluation, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Suite 3030, Bethesda, MD 20892 or call non-

toll-free at 301-435-1111 or email your request, including your address to: chackoge@mail.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: February 20, 2012.
George Chacko,
Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request DERT Extramural Grantee Data Collection

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 76, No. 202, on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, page 64954 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is

to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: DERT Extramural Grantee Data Collection. **Type of Information Collection Request:** New. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** In order to make informed management decisions about its research programs and to demonstrate the outputs, outcomes and impacts of its research programs NIEHS will collect, analyze and report on data from extramural grantees who are currently receiving funding or who have received funding in the past on topics such as:

- Key scientific outcomes achieved through the research and the impact on the field of environmental health science.
- Contribution of research findings to program goals and objectives.
- Satisfaction with the program support received.
- Challenges and benefits of the funding mechanism used to support the science.
- Emerging research areas and gaps in the research.

Information gained from this primary data collection will be used in conjunction with data from grantee progress reports and presentations at grantee meetings to inform internal programs and new funding initiatives.