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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Ethnic Community Self-Help Program Data Indicators.

*OMB No.:* 0970-NEW.

*Description:* The ACF Office of Refugee Resettlement proposes to collect information from Ethnic Community-Based Organizations (ECBOs) awarded federal funds under HHS-2016-ACF-ORR-1129. The information, collected through a questionnaire, is expected to provide information on Program objectives semi-annually in order for program staff to gauge the Program's progress for reporting and evaluation purposes.

*Respondents:* ECBOs awarded under HHS-2016-ACF-ORR-1129.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ECSH Data Indicators .....	10	2	1	20

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW., Washington DC 20201. Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments 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) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 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. Consideration will be given to

comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

**[Document Identifier: HHS-OS-0937-0025-60D]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR is for extending the use of the approved information collection assigned OMB control number OMB No. 0937-0025, which expires on November 30, 2016. Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, OS seeks comments from the

public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on the ICR must be received on or before August 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov](mailto:Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov) or by calling (202) 690-6162.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information Collection Clearance staff, [Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov](mailto:Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov) or (202) 690-6162.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier HHS-OS-60D for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* The Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service application.

*Abstract:* The principal purpose for collecting the information is to permit HHS to determine eligibility for appointment of applicants into the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps). The Corps is one of the seven Uniformed Services of the United States (37 U.S.C. 101(3)), and appointments in the Corps are made pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 204 *et seq.* and 42 CFR 21.58. The application consists of forms PHS-50, PHS-1813, and the Commissioned Corps Personal Statement.

*Likely Respondents:* Candidates/Applicants to the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.

**TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS**

Form name	Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Prequalification Questionnaire .....	Interested Health Professionals .....	6,000	1	15/60	1,500

## TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS—Continued

Form name	Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Form PHS-50 .....	Health Professionals .....	1,000	1	1.0	1,000
Form PHS-1813 .....	References (college professors/ teachers).	4,000	1	15/60	1,000
Addendum: Commissioned Corps Personal Statement.	Health Professionals .....	1,000	.....	45/60	750
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,250

OS specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Indian Health Service

#### Request for Public Comment: 30 Day Information Collection: Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Contracts

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Service, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Indian Health Service (IHS) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for an extension of a previously approved collection of information titled, "Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Contracts," OMB Control Number 0917-0037. IHS is requesting OMB to approve an extension for this collection, which expires on July 31, 2016.

**DATES:** *Comment Due Date:* July 11, 2016. Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments and suggestions regarding the

information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for IHS.

To request more information on the collection, or to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instruction(s), contact Mr. Chris Buchanan by one of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Mr. Chris Buchanan, Director, IHS Office of Direct Services and Contracting Tribes (ODSCT), Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop O8E17C, Rockville, MD 20857.
- *Phone:* 301-443-1104.
- *Email:* [Chris.Buchanan@ihs.gov](mailto:Chris.Buchanan@ihs.gov).
- *Fax:* 301-480-3192.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This previously approved information collection project was last published in the *Federal Register* (81 FR 24108), on April 25, 2016 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comment was received in response to the notice. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted directly to OMB. A copy of the supporting statement is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (see Docket ID IHS-2016-0003).

#### I. Abstract

Representatives of the IHS seek renewal of the approval for information collections conducted under 25 CFR part 900, implementing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), as amended (25 U.S.C. 450 *et seq.*), which describes how contracts are awarded to Indian Tribes. The rule at 25 CFR part 900 was developed through negotiated rulemaking with Tribes in 1996 and governs, among other things, what must be included in a Tribe's initial ISDEAA contract proposal to IHS. A response is required to obtain and retain a benefit.

The information requirements for this rule represent significant differences

from other agencies in several respects. Under the Act, the Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services is directed to enter into self-determination contracts with Tribes upon request, unless specific declination criteria apply, and, generally, Tribes may renew these contracts annually, whereas other agencies provide grants on a discretionary or competitive basis. Additionally, IHS awards contracts for multiple programs whereas other agencies usually award single grants to Tribes.

The IHS uses the information collected to determine applicant eligibility, evaluate applicant capabilities, protect the service population, safeguard Federal funds and other resources, and permit the Federal agency to administer and evaluate contract programs. Tribal governments or Tribal organizations provide the information by submitting contract proposals, and related information, to the IHS, as required under Public Law 93-638. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

#### II. Request for Comments

The IHS requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection 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 the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.