

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to renew, for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the renewed 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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance 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.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before September 27, 2016. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period or if you want access to the collection of information, without charge, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the following: Richard Bonnell, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Acquisition Management, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121 or by email at richard.bonnell@hq.doe.gov. Please put "2016 DOE Agency Information Collection Renewal" in the subject line when sending an email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Bonnell by email at richard.bonnell@hq.doe.gov. Please put "2016 DOE Agency Information Collection Renewal" in the subject line when sending an email.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-0400 (Renewal); (2) Information Collection Request Title: DOE Financial Assistance Information Clearance; (3) Type of Review: Renewal; (4) Purpose: This information collection package covers mandatory collections of information necessary to annually plan, solicit, negotiate, award and administer grants and cooperative agreements under the Department's financial assistance programs. The information is used by Departmental management to exercise management oversight with respect to implementation of applicable

statutory and regulatory requirements and obligations. The collection of this information is critical to ensure that the Government has sufficient information to judge the degree to which awardees meet the terms of their agreements; that public funds are spent in the manner intended; and that fraud, waste, and abuse are immediately detected and eliminated; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,134; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 39,378; (7) Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 532,067; and (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0

Statutory Authorities: Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, 31 U.S.C. 6301-6308.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Call for U.S.-China Energy Performance Contracting Pilot Projects To Be Recognized at the 7th Annual U.S.-China Energy Efficiency Forum

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of request for project submissions.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of a request for submission of innovative U.S.-China energy performance contracting (EPC) projects. EPC projects at public, commercial, and industrial facilities located in the U.S. or China with project participation from at least one U.S. entity and at least one Chinese entity are eligible. Eligible entities include energy service companies (ESCOs), technology providers, facility owners or operators, and financiers. EPC projects that meet the 2016 Pilot Project Criteria and demonstrate replicability will receive special recognition at the 7th Annual U.S.-China Energy Efficiency Forum in October 2016 in Beijing. Some recognition recipients will be invited to speak at a special breakout session.

DATES: Project submissions for consideration must be received by August 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Project submissions should be emailed in English and Chinese to

the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and ESCO Committee of China Energy Conservation Association at the email addresses provided below. "The Pilot Project Criteria 2016" and "Appendix: Project Submission Template" can be found on: <http://www.globalchange.umd.edu/archived-research-areas/energy-efficiency-and-mitigation/epc/>.

Applicants must complete the Chinese and English project submission template and draft a proposed MOU. The proposed MOU should memorialize the cooperation of U.S. and Chinese entities applying as a team, set out their intention to do an EPC project(s); and include all minimum U.S.-China EPC Pilot Project Program requirements. Submit one email with project submission and proposed MOU as attachments to the following email addresses: m.evans@pnnl.gov, qing.tan@pnnl.gov and international@emca.cn. Failure to submit complete, bilingual project information may result in ineligibility.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the U.S.-China Energy Performance Contracting Initiative—Ms. Arlene Fetizanan, U.S. Department of Energy, Arlene.Fetizanan@ee.doe.gov or (202) 586-3124.

Questions about the energy performance contracting pilot project criteria and submission—Ms. Sha Yu, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, sha.yu@pnnl.gov or (301) 314-6736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: This call for EPC pilot projects is part of the Energy Efficiency in Buildings and Industry Initiative under the U.S.-China Climate Change Working Group (CCWG). The CCWG was launched in 2013, and now includes nine action initiatives for understanding and addressing climate change in the United States and China. Under the CCWG Energy Efficiency in Buildings and Industry Initiative, DOE and China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) launched a program to promote EPC. The program aims to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions in the U.S. and China through deep energy retrofits, using innovative financing where appropriate. The combined \$20 billion U.S. and China EPC markets have the potential to grow dramatically, delivering significant environmental and economic benefits. For more information on U.S.-China EPC market trends and resources to assist clients, practitioners, and financial institutions in selecting, developing, and executing EPC projects, please visit: <http://>

www.globalchange.umd.edu/archived-research-areas/energy-efficiency-and-mitigation/epc/.

The U.S.-China Energy Efficiency Forum is an annual, invitation-only event at which the two sides discuss energy efficiency issues and develop initiatives for further collaboration. Over 200 senior private sector, NGO, and government stakeholders attend. This is the second year that DOE and NDRC have issued a request for recognition of U.S.-China EPC pilot projects at the Energy Efficiency Forum. In 2015, DOE and NDRC released their first call for U.S.-China EPC pilot project submissions for recognition. Three innovative pilot projects were recognized by senior U.S. and Chinese officials at the 6th Annual U.S.-China Energy Efficiency Forum (<http://energy.gov/eere/articles/win-win-opportunities-sixth-annual-us-china-energy-efficiency-forum>), as well as at the 2016 U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue.

Objective: This recognition program encourages U.S. and Chinese organizations to obtain real-world experience in each other's market using innovative, feasible business models alongside local practitioners. Recognized EPC projects will use integrated solutions to foster deep energy savings, demonstrating an optimal combination of project development and design, energy auditing, energy savings guarantees, third-party financing, contracting, and Measurement and Verification (M&V). For example, an innovative pilot project may consist of a bundle of short and long-payback measures for an attractive overall return on investment and deeper energy savings than shorter-payback measures, alone. The initiative aims to encourage as many noteworthy projects as practical in the public infrastructure, public and commercial buildings and industrial facilities sectors. All projects recognized should have participation from both Chinese and U.S. entities.

The list of 2016 Pilot Project Criteria has been vetted by both DOE and NDRC (http://www.globalchange.umd.edu/data/epc/Pilot_Project_Opportunity_2016_ENG_CHN_final.pdf). Applicants must complete the Chinese and English project submission template and draft a proposed MOU. The proposed MOU should memorialize the cooperation of U.S. and Chinese entities applying as a team, set out their intention to do an EPC project(s); and include all minimum U.S.-China EPC Pilot Project Program requirements. In order to meet requirements, applications should describe the facility that will undergo a retrofit under an EPC and who the

primary participants are. EPC pilot projects should include participation by both U.S. and Chinese stakeholders. The application should outline an integrated approach that will retrofit at least three systems and reduce energy consumption relative to baseline conditions. The EPC pilot project should utilize innovative financing, contracting and/or M&V and indicate how it is noteworthy relative to traditional EPCs in the market. Applicants agree to share project progress and data on energy savings quarterly. EPC pilot projects must start within nine months after signing the MOU. Refer to "The Pilot Project Criteria 2016" and "Appendix: Project Submission Template" in the link above for more requirement details. Failure to submit complete, bilingual project information may result in ineligibility.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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Updating Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is updating Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance related to the implementation and installation of health and safety measures as part of the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The draft guidance also provides required components for Grantees to include in their Health and Safety (H&S) Plans. This guidance will assist Grantee decision-making during H&S Plan development.

This notice also serves to inform the public of the availability of an online tool which provides notification of, and allows individuals to submit comments on, the draft guidance related to the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program. All future draft guidance releases will be made via the online tool. Individuals who wish to receive notification of draft guidance releases may receive that notification via the

online tool. For information on the web address of the online tool see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: DOE will accept written comments until August 29, 2016. For more information on how to submit comments, please see the **ADDRESSES** and **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** sections of this notice.

ADDRESSES: DOE's draft Weatherization and Health and Safety Guidance is available via the online commenting tool at: <http://doe.civicomment.org/>. Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the guidance via this online tool.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Burrin; U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., EE5W, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 280-9863; Erica.Burrin@ee.doe.gov.

For legal issues, please contact Kavita Vaidyanathan; U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., GC-33, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-0669; Kavita.Vaidyanathan@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is updating its Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance to clarify, update and provide additional information related to the implementation and installation of health and safety measures as part of the DOE WAP. This draft guidance also provides required components for Grantees to include in their Health and Safety (H&S) Plans. The guidance and attachments supersede the following:

- WPN 11-6a, Supplemental Health and Safety Guidance
- WPNs 11-6, Health and Safety Guidance
- WPN 09-6, Lead Safe Weatherization (LSW) Additional Materials and Information
- WPN 08-6, Interim Lead-Safe Weatherization Guidance
- WPN 08-4, Space Heater Policy
- WPNs 02-6, Weatherization Activities and Federal Lead-Based Paint Regulations
- WPN 02-5, Health and Safety Guidance

It is DOE's aim that this guidance will better assist Grantee decision-making during H&S Plan development.

Grantees may create more stringent requirements as long as those requirements do not conflict with this guidance.

Submitting Comments on the Draft Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance

DOE will accept comments regarding the draft Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance no later than the date provided in the **DATES** section at the