

estimated by multiplying the number of initial respondents by the estimated time per respondent (*i.e.*, 392,094 affected individuals multiplied by 0.1667 hours).

The one-time startup cost is estimated by multiplying the startup burden by the wage rate of the employee type expected to submit the information about affected individuals to the CFATS Personnel Surety Program. The site security officer's average hourly wage rate of \$78.93 was based on an average hourly wage rate of \$53.92<sup>12</sup> with a benefits multiplier of 1.4639.<sup>13</sup> Therefore the Department estimates the one-time startup cost of this information request to be \$5,158,226 (*i.e.*, 65,349 hours multiplied by \$78.93 per hour).<sup>14</sup>

### Consideration of Other Capital Costs

This information collection request maintains the existing assumptions found in the current information collection request with regard to activities listed in 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(1). Specifically, that 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(1) and 5 CFR 1320.8 require the Department to estimate the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. Therefore, many costs (*e.g.*, physical modification of the facility layout) a high-risk chemical facility may choose to incur to develop or implement its SSP or ASP should not be accounted for when estimating the capital costs associated with this information collection.

Furthermore, the Department maintains the same assumptions found in the current information collection request with regards to estimating certain high-risk chemical facility capital costs, such as: (1) Capital costs for computer, telecommunications equipment, software, and storage to manage the data collection, submissions, and tracking; (2) capital and ongoing costs for designing, deploying, and operating information technology (IT) systems necessary to maintain the data collection, submissions, and tracking; (3) cost of training high-risk chemical facility personnel to maintain the data collection, submissions, and tracking; and (4) site security officer time to

manage the data collection, submissions, and tracking. The Department continues to exclude these costs in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2), which directs Federal agencies to not count the costs associated with the time, effort, and financial resources incurred in the normal course of their activities (*e.g.*, in compiling and maintaining business records) if the reporting, recordkeeping, or disclosure activities are usual and customary.

The Department continues to exclude these usual and customary costs because the time, effort, and financial resources are costs that high-risk chemical facilities incur to conduct background checks for identity, criminal history, and legal authorization to work under 6 CFR 27.230(a)(12)(i)–(iii), and also under various other Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

### Recordkeeping Burden

The recordkeeping costs, if any, to create, keep, or retain records pertaining to background checks as part of a high-risk chemical facility's SSP or ASP, are properly estimated in the recordkeeping estimates associated with the SSP Instrument under Information Collection 1670–0007.

### Total Annual Burden Cost

The 2007 CFATS Regulatory Evaluation assumed that Site Security Officers are responsible for submitting information to the Department. For the purpose of this notice, the Department maintains this assumption.

Therefore, to estimate the total annual burden, the Department multiplied the annual burden of 12,101 hours by the average hourly wage rate of Site Security Officers of \$78.93 and then added the one-time startup cost associated with the initial respondents. Therefore, the total annual burden cost for the CFATS Personnel Surety Program is \$955,191 (12,101 total annual burden hours multiplied by \$78.93 per hour). For the three year period for which this collection will be approved, the total cost burden would be \$8,023,798 (\$955,191 annual cost multiplied by 3 + \$5,158,226 startup cost). The annual burden for this collection over the three year period is estimated at \$2,674,599 (\$8,023,798 total cost/3 years).<sup>15</sup>

### Solicitation of Comments

OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate 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. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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 (*e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses).

*Title of Collection:* Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Personnel Surety Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1670–0029.

*Instrument:* CFATS Personnel Surety Program.

*Frequency:* "Other".

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Annual Respondents:* 72,607 respondents (estimate).

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 0.1667 hours (10 minutes).

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12,101 hours.

*Total Annual Burden Cost (Capital/Startup):* \$1,719,409.

*Total Annual Burden Cost:* \$955,191.

*Total Recordkeeping Burden:* \$0.

**David Epperson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615–0121]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be

<sup>12</sup> The wage used for an SSO equals that of Managers, All (11–9199), with a load factor of 1.4639 to account for benefits in addition to wages <https://www.bls.gov/oes/2016/may/oes119199.htm>.

<sup>13</sup> Load factor based on BLS Employer Cost for Employee Compensation, as of June 9, 2017. Load factor = Employer cost for employee compensation (\$35.28)/wages and salaries (\$24.10) = 1.4639 <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/eccec.nr0.htm>.

<sup>14</sup> Numbers may not total due to rounding.

<sup>15</sup> All calculations may not total due to rounding.

submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 26, 2018. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at [dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov](mailto:dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov). All submissions received must include the agency name and the OMB Control Number 1615–0121 in the subject line.

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshombres, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20529–2140, Telephone number (202) 272–8377 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375–5283; TTY (800) 767–1833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments**

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2017 at 82 FR 43994, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comment in connection with the 60-day notice.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS–2014–0008 in the search box.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate 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) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* No Agency Form Number; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 56,000 Respondents × (.50) 30 minutes per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 28,000 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$0. There is no cost to the respondents as the responses are voluntary and do not require anything other than the survey to be submitted.

Dated: December 20, 2017.

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Homeland Security.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration  
Services**

[OMB Control Number 1615–1615–0048]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities; Revision of a Currently  
Approved Collection: Application for  
Premium Processing Service**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and  
Immigration Services, Department of  
Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

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