

whether the information will have practical utility;

- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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).

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title of Collection: Federal Pell Grants and the Payment of Unemployment Benefits to Individuals in Approved Training.

Form: N/A.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0NEW.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency: 2,120.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 112,360.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 561,800 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Angela Hanks,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Statement of Recovery Forms

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before February 10, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nora Hernandez by telephone at 202-693-8633, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 8131, a Federal employee who sustains a work-related injury is entitled to receive compensation under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). If that injury is caused under circumstances that create a legal liability in a third party to pay damages, FECA authorizes the Secretary of Labor to require the employee to assign his or her right of action to the United States or to prosecute the action in his or her own name. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2021 (86 FR 50559).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-OWCP.

Title of Collection: Statement of Recovery Forms.

OMB Control Number: 1240-0001.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,164.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 1,164.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 580 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$21.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

Nora Hernandez,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (22-001)]

### Requirement for NASA Recipients of Financial Assistance Awards To Obtain a Quotation From Small and/or Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on new term and condition that requires recipients of NASA financial assistance to obtain a quotation from small and/or minority businesses, women's business enterprises or labor surplus area firms.

**SUMMARY:** The Grants Policy and Compliance Branch (GPC) in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Office of the Chief Financial Officer is soliciting public comment on the Agency's proposed implementation of a new term and condition that requires recipients of NASA financial assistance to obtain a quotation from small and/or minority businesses, women's business enterprises or labor surplus area firms when the acquisition of goods or services exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold. In response to the Executive Order, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved*

*Communities Through the Federal Government*, NASA has been working to identify and address barriers that underserved communities and individuals may face in taking advantage of procurement, contracting, or grant opportunities. To address these barriers, NASA has taken a few actions including proposing the term and condition described above. NASA is taking this action to ensure that entities funded by NASA are compliant with the procurement standards in the uniform guidance. NASA's expectation is that this action will result in an increase in contracting opportunities for small and/or minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms that contract with NASA financial assistance recipients.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by February 10, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Rm. 6087, Washington, DC 20546 or sent by email to [HQ-fedregcomments@nasa.gov](mailto:HQ-fedregcomments@nasa.gov); Phone Number: 202-358-2180, FAX Number: 202-358-3336. We encourage respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. We cannot guarantee that comments mailed will be received before the comment closing date. Please include "Requirement to obtain a quotation from small and/or minority businesses, women's business enterprises or labor surplus area firms" in the subject line of the email message. Please also include the full body of your comments in the text of the message and as an attachment. Include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and email address in your message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christiane S. Diallo, email: [Christiane.diallo@nasa.gov](mailto:Christiane.diallo@nasa.gov), telephone (202) 358-5179.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 25, 2021, President Biden issued E.O. 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*, outlining a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality. Given that advancing equity requires a systematic approach to embedding fairness in the decision-making process, the E.O. instructs agencies to recognize and work to redress inequities in their policies and programs that serve as barriers to equal opportunity.

In response to E.O. 13985, NASA has been working to identify and address barriers that underserved communities and individuals may face in taking advantage of procurement, contracting, or grant opportunities. Through focused engagement with stakeholders and comments received from 86 FR 31735, June 15, 2021, *Request for Information on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities in NASA Programs, Contracts and Grants Process*, NASA has learned that access to information and a lack of resources and opportunities are just some of the barriers faced by underserved communities. As such, GPC has reviewed NASA's grants management policies and procedures and has identified a few actions that can be taken to reduce these barriers, including a proposed implementation of a new term and condition that requires recipients of NASA financial assistance to obtain a quotation from small and/or minority businesses, women's business enterprises or labor surplus area firms when the acquisition of goods or services exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold.

The full text of the new term and condition is provided below:

**Requirement To Obtain a Quotation From Small and/or Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises or Labor Surplus Area Firms**

Pursuant to the requirements in 2 CFR 200.321, Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms, grant and cooperative agreement recipients shall, to the extent practicable, obtain at least one quotation in response to a recipient-issued Request for Quotation (RFQ) from a small and/or minority business, women's business enterprise or labor surplus area firms when the acquisition of goods or services exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 2.101, Definitions (currently the SAT is \$250,000). In the event that recipients are unable to obtain at least one quote from a small and/or minority business women's business enterprise or labor surplus area firm, a written justification indicating why this was not possible must be maintained in the recipient's records.

**End of Proposed Term and Condition Implementation**

Upon receipt and resolution of all comments, it is NASA's intention to implement the new term through a revision to the NASA Grant and

Cooperative Agreement Manual (GCAM). These revised terms and conditions will become effective thirty days from the final notice publication date in the **Federal Register** and will be available in the GCAM.

The new term and condition will be applied to all new NASA awards and funding amendments to existing awards made on or after the effective date.

**Cheryl Parker,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Convergence Accelerator Evaluation & Monitoring Plan**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans for a new data collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing an opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than three years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received within March 14, 2022 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Please send comments to the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite W18200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email 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).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Generic Clearance for the Convergence Accelerator Evaluation & Monitoring Plan.

*OMB Number:* 3145-NEW.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.