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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–23–0881; Docket No. CDC–2023–  
0052]

#### Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention (CDC), Department of Health  
and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of  
its continuing effort to reduce public  
burden and maximize the utility of  
government information, invites the  
general public and other federal  
agencies the opportunity to comment on  
a continuing information collection, as  
required by the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995. This notice invites  
comment on a proposed information  
collection project titled Data Calls for  
the Laboratory Response Network  
(LRN). These Data Calls are needed to  
address issues concerning the response  
capabilities of member facilities for  
priority threat agents or to assess the  
network's ability to respond to new  
emerging threats.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written  
comments on or before August 28, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments,  
identified by Docket No. CDC–2023–  
0052 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the  
instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information  
Collection Review Office, Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600  
Clifton Road NE, MS H21–8, Atlanta,  
Georgia 30329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received  
must include the agency name and  
Docket Number. CDC will post, without  
change, all relevant comments to  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

*Please note:* Submit all comments  
through the Federal eRulemaking portal  
([www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to  
the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request more information on the  
proposed project or to obtain a copy of  
the information collection plan and  
instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger,  
Information Collection Review Office,  
Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS  
H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329;  
Telephone: 404–639–7570; Email: [omb@  
cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)  
(44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies  
must obtain approval from the Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB) for each  
collection of information they conduct  
or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also  
requires federal agencies to provide a  
60-day notice in the **Federal Register**  
concerning each proposed collection of  
information, including each new  
proposed collection, each proposed  
extension of existing collection of  
information, and each reinstatement of  
previously approved information  
collection before submitting the  
collection to the OMB for approval. To  
comply with this requirement, we are  
publishing this notice of a proposed  
data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in  
comments that will help:

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;
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; and
5. Assess information collection costs.

#### Proposed Project

Data Calls for the Laboratory  
Response Network (LRN) (OMB Control  
No. 0920–0881)—Reinstatement  
Without Change—National Center for  
Emerging and Infectious Diseases  
(NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

The Laboratory Response Network  
(LRN) was established by the  
Department of Health and Human  
Services (HHS), Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention (CDC) in  
accordance with Presidential Decision  
Directive 39 which outlined national  
anti-terrorism policies and assigned  
specific missions to federal departments  
and agencies. The Administration has  
stated that it is the policy of the United  
States to use all appropriate means, to  
deter, defeat, and respond to all terrorist  
attacks on our territory and resources,  
both with people and facilities. The  
LRN's mission is to maintain an  
integrated national and international  
network of laboratories that can respond  
quickly to suspected acts of biological,  
chemical, or radiological terrorism,  
emerging infectious diseases, and other  
public health threats and emergencies.

Federal, state and local public health  
laboratories join the LRN voluntarily.  
When laboratories join, they assume  
specific responsibilities and are  
required to provide facility information  
to the LRN Program Office at CDC as  
well as test results for real samples or  
proficiency tests. LRN laboratories  
participate in Proficiency Testing  
Challenges, Exercises and Validation  
Studies each year. LRN information  
collection is covered by OMB Control  
No. 0920–0850. On occasion, CDC may  
conduct a Special Data Call to obtain  
additional information from LRN  
laboratories regarding biological or  
chemical terrorism, or emerging  
infectious disease preparedness.  
Although the LRN Program Office at  
CDC has an extensive database of  
information regarding all network  
members, LRN Special Data Calls are  
sometimes needed to address issues  
concerning the response capabilities of  
member facilities for priority threat  
agents or to assess the network's ability  
to respond to new emerging threats.  
Special Data Calls may be conducted via  
broadcast email that asks respondents to  
send information via email to the LRN  
Help Desk or through online survey  
tools (*i.e.*, Survey Monkey) which  
require respondents to go to a web link  
and answer a series of questions.

This request is for a Reinstatement of  
a Generic collection instrument that is  
necessary for any impromptu data calls  
that are needed. CDC requests OMB  
approval for an estimated 94 annual  
burden hours. There is no cost to  
respondents other than their time to  
participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Public Health Laboratories .....	Special Data Call .....	187	1	0.5	94
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[30Day-23-0879]

**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled “Information Collections to Advance State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Governmental Agency and System Performance, Capacity, and Program Delivery” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on January 23, 2023 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received one non-substantive comment related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) 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;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) 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; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570. 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. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

**Proposed Project**

Information Collections to Advance State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Governmental Agency and System Performance, Capacity, and Program Delivery (OMB Control Number 0920-0879, Expiration Date 1/31/2024)—Extension—National Center for STLT Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce (NCSTLTPHIW), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The mission of the Department of Health and Human Services is to enhance the health and well-being of all Americans. As part of HHS, CDC conducts critical science and provides health information to people and communities to save lives and protect people from health threats. To this end,

CDC and HHS seek to accomplish their mission by collaborating with partners throughout the nation and the world to monitor health, detect and investigate health problems, conduct research to enhance prevention, develop and advocate sound public health policies, implement prevention strategies, promote healthy behaviors, foster safe and healthful environments, and provide leadership and training.

CDC is requesting a three-year approval for an Extension of a Generic Clearance to collect information related to domestic public health issues and services that affect and/or involve State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) government entities. The respondent universe is comprised of STLT governmental staff or delegates acting on behalf of an STLT agency involved in the provision of essential public health services in the United States. Delegate is defined as a governmental or non-governmental agent (agency, function, office or individual) acting for a principal or submitted by another to represent or act on their behalf. The STLT agency is represented by an STLT entity or delegate with a task to protect and/or improve the public’s health.

Information will be used to: (1) assess situational awareness of current public health emergencies; (2) make decisions that affect planning, response and recovery activities of subsequent emergencies; and (3) fill CDC and HHS gaps in knowledge of programs and/or STLT governments that will strengthen surveillance, epidemiology, and laboratory science; and/or improve CDC’s support and technical assistance to states and communities. CDC and HHS will conduct brief data collections across a range of public health topics related to essential public health services.

CDC estimates up to 30 data collections with STLT governmental staff or delegates, and 10 data collections with local/county/city governmental staff or delegates, will be conducted on an annual basis. Approximately 95% of these data collections will be web-based and 5% by telephone, in-person, and focus groups. CDC will submit a description of each data collection project to OMB