

Background

On November 6, 2021, Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). On November 15, 2021, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14052 “Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.” On December 13, 2021, the President signed E.O. 14508 “Transforming Federal Customer Experience and Service Delivery to Rebuild Trust in Government.” On February 25, 2022, President Biden and the GSA announced the list of major LPOE projects funded by the BIL. This included the Bridge of the Americas (BOTA) LPOE in El Paso, Texas.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared in accordance with section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] 4321 to 4370d), as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500–1508). The principal objectives of NEPA are to ensure the careful consideration of environmental aspects of proposed actions in Federal decision-making processes and to make environmental information available to decision makers and the public before decisions are made and actions are taken.

Additionally, this EIS will be prepared in accordance with GSA NEPA guidelines (GSA Order ADM 1095.1F and the Public Buildings Service [PBS] NEPA Desk Guide, both dated October 1999) and serves as a mechanism for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (as amended) and other relevant laws and/or regulations.

Scoping Process

The purpose of this initial public scoping meeting is to seek input from stakeholders and the public regarding potential environmental issues that could affect the proposed project. The EIS will include public input on alternatives being developed to implement the proposed improvements and the potential impacts that could result from implementing those improvements.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the proposed action is for the GSA to support the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) mission by bringing the BOTA LPOE infrastructure in line with current CBP land port design standards (*i.e.*, CBP Land Port of Entry Design Standard) and operational

requirements while addressing existing deficiencies identified with the ongoing port operations. In order to bring the BOTA LPOE in line with CBP’s design standards and operational requirements, action is needed to satisfy the following overriding needs:

- Improve the capacity and functionality of the LPOE to meet future public demand, while maintaining the capability to meet border security initiatives.
- Ensure the safety and security for the employees and the travelling public.

Proposed Action and Alternatives Development

As part of initial project planning, the GSA has developed three (3) action alternatives as potential means of implementing the proposed action. The no action alternative will also be considered in the EIS. All three action alternatives include the phased razing of all existing buildings/structures and infrastructure within the existing LPOE boundaries and construction of new buildings/structures and supporting infrastructure. All three also include minimal land acquisition in areas immediately adjacent to the port.

Summary of Potential Impacts

The EIS will identify, describe, and analyze the potential effects of the action alternatives developed to implement the proposed action and the no action alternative. This will include direct, indirect, and cumulative effects. At present, GSA has identified the following resources/issues for analysis of both beneficial and adverse potential impacts:

- Hazardous Materials, Waste, and/or Site Contamination
- Socioeconomics (including Environmental Justice)
- Public Services, Infrastructure, and Utilities
- Surface Waters, Drainage, and Floodplains
- Land Use and Zoning (including Visual and Aesthetics)
- Traffic (Vehicular and Pedestrian), Transportation, and Parking
- Air Quality (including Greenhouse Gas Emissions)
- Noise and Vibration
- Cultural and Historic Resources

The EIS will document measures that could potentially avoid, minimize, or mitigate any identified adverse impacts. GSA welcomes public input on these potential impacts and other resources that could be considered.

Anticipated Schedule for Decision-Making Process

All dates are estimated and may change.

- *EIS NOI published in the **Federal Register***: Friday November 17, 2023.
- *Initial NEPA Scoping Meeting*: Wednesday December 13, 2023.
- *End of Initial NEPA Scoping Period*: Tuesday January 16, 2024.
- *Publication of the Draft EIS*: May–June 2024 TBD.
- *Draft EIS Public Comment Period*: June–August 2024 TBD.
- *Final EIS*: September 2024 TBD.
- *Record of Decision*: October 2024 TBD.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project “Questionnaire and Data Collection Testing, Evaluation, and Research for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.”

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by email at doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by email at doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

Questionnaire and Data Collection Testing, Evaluation, and Research for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) requests that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) re-approve generic pre-testing clearance 0935–0124 for three years to facilitate AHRQ’s efforts to (1) employ evaluation-type methods and techniques to improve AHRQ’s current data collection and estimation procedures, (2) develop new collections and procedures, including toolkits, and (3) revise existing collections and procedures. AHRQ believes that developing, testing, and evaluating data collection and estimation procedures using survey methods and other techniques in anticipation of agency-sponsored studies can improve its information collection efforts and the products it develops and allow AHRQ to be more responsive to fast-changing developments in the healthcare research field.

This clearance request is limited to research on data collection, toolkit development, and estimation procedures and reports and does not extend to the collection of data for public release or policy formation. The current Clearance (0935–0124) was granted on January 31, 2021, and expires on January 31, 2024.

This generic clearance will allow AHRQ to draft and test toolkits, survey instruments and other data collection and estimation procedures more quickly

and with greater lead time, thereby managing project time more efficiently and improving the quality of the data AHRQ collects. In some instances, the ability to test and evaluate toolkits, data collection and estimation procedures in anticipation of work or early in a project may result in the decision not to proceed with additional activities, thereby saving both public and private resources and effectively eliminating respondent burden.

These preliminary research activities will not be used by AHRQ to regulate or sanction its customers. They will be entirely voluntary, and the confidentiality of respondents and their responses will be preserved. Proposed information collections submitted under this generic clearance will be submitted for review by OMB with a response expected in 14 days.

Method of Collection

The information collected through preliminary research activities under this generic clearance will be used by AHRQ to employ techniques to (1) improve AHRQ’s current data collection and estimation procedures, (2) develop new collections and procedures, including toolkits, and (3) revise existing collections and procedures in anticipation or in response to changes in the health or health care field. The end result will be improvement in AHRQ’s data collections and procedures, and the quality of data collected, a reduction or minimization of respondent burden, increased agency efficiency, and improved responsiveness to the public.

Estimated Annual Respondent Burden

Exhibit 1 shows the estimated burden hours, over the full three years of this clearance, for the respondents’ time to participate in the research activities that may be conducted under this generic clearance. Mail surveys will be conducted with about 6,000 persons (2,000 per year for three years) and are estimated to average 20 minutes. Mail surveys may also be sent to respondents via email and may include a telephone non-response follow-up. Telephone non-response follow-up for mailed surveys is not counted as a telephone survey in Exhibit 1. Not more than 600 persons, over three years, will participate in telephone surveys that will take about 40 minutes. Web-based surveys will be conducted with no more than 3,000 persons and will require no more than 10 minutes to complete. About 1,500 persons will participate in focus groups which may last up to two hours, while in-person interviews will be conducted with 600 persons and will take about 50 minutes. Automated data collection will be conducted for about 1,500 persons and could take up to 1 hour. Cognitive testing will be conducted with about 600 persons and is estimated to take 1.5 hours to complete. The total burden over three years is estimated to be 8,900 hours (about 2,967 hours per year). Exhibit 2 shows the estimated cost burden over three years, based on the respondents’ time to participate in these research activities. The total cost burden is estimated to be \$412,028.

EXHIBIT 1—ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS OVER 3 YEARS

Type of information collection	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Mail/email *	6,000	1	20/60	2,000
Telephone	600	1	40/60	400
Web-based	3,000	1	10/60	500
Focus Groups	1,500	1	2.0	3,000
In-person	600	1	1.0	600
Automated**	1,500	1	1.0	1,500
Cognitive Testing***	600	1	1.5	900
Totals	13,800	na	na	8,900

* May include telephone non-response follow-up in which case the burden will not change.

** May include testing of database software, CAPI software or other automated technologies.

*** May include cognitive interviews for questionnaire or toolkit development, or “think aloud” testing of prototype websites.

EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED COST BURDEN OVER 3 YEARS

Type of information collection	Number of respondents	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate *	Total cost burden
Mail/email	6,000	2,000	\$46.52	\$93,040
Telephone	600	400	46.52	18,608
Web-based	3,000	500	46.52	23,260
Focus Groups	1,500	3,000	46.52	139,560

EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED COST BURDEN OVER 3 YEARS—Continued

Type of information collection	Number of respondents	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate *	Total cost burden
In-person	600	600	46.52	27,912
Automated	1,500	1,500	46.52	69,780
Cognitive Testing	600	900	46.52	41,868
Totals	13,800	8,900	na	412,028

* Bureau of Labor & Statistics on “Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2022” found at the following URL https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#29-0000 for the respondents.

Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, comments on AHRQ’s information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ’s health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ’s estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) of information; (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 upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency’s subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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Associate Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Information Comparison With Insurance Data

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Services, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Child Support Services (OCSS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is requesting the OMB to extend approval of the Information Comparison with Insurance Data, with minor changes, for an additional three years. The current OMB approval (OMB No.: (0970–0342) expires January 31, 2024.

DATES: *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* OMB must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 amended section 452 of the Social Security Act to authorize the Health and Human Services Secretary, through the Federal Parent Locator Service, to conduct comparisons of information concerning individuals owing past-due child support with information maintained by insurers (or their agents) concerning insurance claims, settlements, awards, and payments. On a daily basis, OCSS sends the results of the insurance data match in an “Insurance Match Response Record” to child support agencies, that use the insurance data matches to collect past-due support from the insurance proceeds. OCSS incorporated a separate burden calculation for respondents opting to electronically report quarterly.

Respondents: Insurers or their agents, including the U.S. Department of Labor and state agencies administering workers’ compensation programs, and the Insurance Services Office.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Collection instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Insurance Match File: Quarterly Reporting Electronically	1	4	0.083	0.33
Insurance Match File: Monthly Reporting Electronically	26	12	0.083	25.90
Insurance Match File: Weekly Reporting Electronically	19	52	0.083	82.00
Insurance Match File: Daily Reporting Electronically	1	251	0.083	20.83
Match File: Daily Reporting Manually	118	251	0.1	2,961.80