

Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be forwarded to Office Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316).

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- 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 submissions of response.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor, ETA.

Title: Workforce Flexibility (work-flex) Partnership Demonstration Program.

OMB Number: 1205-Onew.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: States.

Number of Respondents: 20 potential.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 80 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 1,600.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$5,000.

Description: This request is related to the passage of P.L. 104-208 which permits States to submit requests to be considered as Workforce Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Programs (see below):

Who: Up to six States, of which at least three States shall each have populations not in excess of 3,500,000, with a preference given to those States that have been designated Ed-Flex Partnership States.

What: Workforce Flexibility (work-flex) Partnership Demonstration Program.

When: March 28, 1997.

Where: Submit an application to the Department of Labor.

Why: To obtain authority to waive any statutory or regulatory requirement

applicable to service delivery areas or substate areas within the state under titles I-III of the Job Training Partnership Act (except for requirements relating to wage and labor standards, grievance procedures and judicial review, nondiscrimination, allotment of funds and eligibility, and any of the statutory or regulatory requirements of sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act (except for requirements relating to the provision of services to unemployment insurance claimants and veterans, and to universal access to basic labor exchange services without cost to job seekers), for a duration not to exceed the waiver period authorized under section 311(e) of Public Law 103-227, pursuant to a plan submitted by such states and approved by the Secretary for the provision of workforce employment and training activities in the States, which includes a description of the process by which service delivery areas and substate areas may apply for and have waivers approved by the State, the requirements of the Wagner-Peyser Act to be waived, the outcomes to be achieved and other measures to be taken to ensure appropriate accountability for federal funds.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

Date, time and place: January 30, 1997, 10:00 am-12:00 noon, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1011, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Purpose: The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

For further information, contact: Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs. Phone: (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 10th day of January 1997.

Andrew J. Samet,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs.

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 15, 1997.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for reviews and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the National Endowment for the Arts' Research Division Director, Tom Bradshaw ((202) 682-5432).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- 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 submissions of responses.

Agency: National Endowment for the Arts.

Title: 1997 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts.

OMB Number: New.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 13,320.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 3,871.
Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: 0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): 0.

Description: The National Endowment for the Arts proposes to conduct a national Survey of Public Participation in the Arts (SPPA) in 1997 to provide information on the extent to which the adult population participates in the arts.

Responses will be analyzed to determine arts participation patterns and differences by population subgroup and geography and changes from prior SPPA's conducted in 1982, 1985, and 1992. Results will be used by arts administrators, researchers, and policymakers at the national, state and local level.

Murray Welsh,

Director, Administrative Services.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

Proposed Data Collection: Comment Request

Title of Proposed Request: Survey of Earned Doctorates

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the NSF Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1243.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed 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; (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.

Proposed Project: The Survey of Earned Doctorates: The Survey of

Earned Doctorates has been conducted continuously since 1958 and is jointly sponsored by five Federal agencies in order to avoid duplication. It is an accurate, timely source of information on our Nation's most precious resource—highly educated individuals. Data is obtained from each person earning a research doctorate on their field of specialty, educational background, sources of support in graduate school, postgraduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics. The information is used extensively by the Federal government, universities, and others. The National Science Foundation, as the lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in the annual publication series *Selected Data on Science and Engineering Doctorates* (available in print and electronically on the World Wide Web). The National Academy of Sciences also disseminates a free report entitled *Summary Report: Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities*.

A total response rate of 95% of the total 41,610 persons who earned a research doctorate was obtained in fiscal year 1995.

Burden estimates are as follows:
Total Number of Respondents FY 1995—41,610.

Burden Hours—20 minutes per respondent=1,383 hours total.

Send comments to Herman Fleming, Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 485, Arlington, VA 22230. Written comments should be received by March 17, 1997.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

Herman G. Fleming,

NSF Clearance Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Scientific Computing; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Scientific Computing (#1185).

Date and Time: February 3, 1997, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 370, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. John Van Rosendale, Program Director, New Technologies Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1962.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide recommendations and advice concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: Panel review of the New Technologies Program proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences.

Date and Time: February 5, 6, and 7, 1997.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Rooms 370, 380, and 390, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Charles O'Kelly, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, Dr. Taber Allison, Division Environmental Biology, Room 635, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1480.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Doctoral Dissertation Research proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 17, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Chemistry; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces that the Special