DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Assessment of the Use of Special Funding for Research on Type 1 Diabetes Provided by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the FY 2001 Consolidated Appropriations Act

SUMMARY: 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 Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection: Title: Assessment of the Use of Special Funding for Research on Type 1 Diabetes Provided by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the FY 2001 Consolidated Appropriations Act. *Type of Information Collection Request:* NEW. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This survey will be one source of input into a statutorily mandated assessment and report to the Congress on special funding for research on type 1 diabetes provided by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105–33, and the FY 2001 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 106–554. These Acts provided $390 million in special funds to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for research aimed at understanding, treating and preventing type 1 diabetes and its complications. The Secretary of HHS subsequently designated to NIDDK the lead responsibility in the Department for developing a process for allocation of these funds. The primary objective of the survey is to gain information, via a brief questionnaire, from NIH research grantees, who were the primary recipients of these special funds, concerning their views on the impact of the type 1 diabetes research funding with respect to: (1) Advancing scientific accomplishments involving innovative, clinically relevant, and multidisciplinary research on type 1 diabetes; (2) developing resources or reagents useful for type 1 diabetes research; and (3) increasing the number and quality of type 1 diabetes investigators. The responses will provide valuable information concerning how the funds have facilitated research as intended by these Acts of Congress. The results will also help determine how research progress from these special congressional initiatives fits within the continuum of diabetes research, and how these funds have contributed to the field of type 1 diabetes research and NIH efforts to combat this challenging health problem. Information from this study will aid in evaluation of the process by which the research goals for use of the special type 1 diabetes funds have been developed and are being pursued. Responses from this survey will contribute to a statutorily mandated report, due to Congress on January 1, 2003, evaluating the process and efforts under this program and assessing research initiatives funded by these Acts of Congress. *Frequency of Response:* The initial survey will require a one time response; though, respondents may be contacted again in the event of future congressionally mandated reports on the use of the special type 1 diabetes research funds. *Affected Public:* Research scientists who received the special funds about which Congress has mandated in law the requirements for an evaluation report. *Type of Respondents:* Laboratory and clinical investigators who have received support from the special type 1 diabetes funds provided under the laws previously cited. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1 (Respondents will be given one questionnaire containing an estimated fifteen questions.); *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 1; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 300. The annualized total cost to respondents is estimated at: $15,000. It is expected that the respondents will be contacted via email and that their responses will be collected through an Internet-accessible questionnaire. These measures will reduce the burden on the respondents and the overall costs of administering the study. Because different types of awards have been made with the special type 1 diabetes funds, the questionnaire may be tailored such that respondents will only be asked to answer a subset of questions that pertain to their particular type of award(s). No respondent will be asked to answer more than a total of fifteen questions, at least one-third of which will be answered with a ''yes'' or ''no'' or a one-word response. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Michelle A. Cissell, AAAS/NIH Science Policy Fellow, Office of Scientific Program and Policy Analysis, NIDDK, NIH Building 31, Room 9A05, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496–6623 or E-mail your request, including your address to: <*cissellm@extra.niddk.nih.gov*>.

Comment Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: October 24, 2001.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; HIV Vaccine Awareness Study—Americans' Attitudes

SUMMARY: 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 Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection: Title: HIV Vaccine Awareness Study—Americans' Attitudes. *Types of Information Collection Request:* New. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* NIH/NIAID/DAIDS is in the process of planning a campaign to inform Americans about HIV preventive vaccine research. As part of planning, it is necessary to establish a baseline of Americans' levels of knowledge and attitudes with respect to HIV preventive vaccine research; to determine what information is required by communities to address the mistrust, myths, and misinformation about HIV vaccine research; and to identify how and what information should be provided to communities to promote more positive attitudes toward HIV vaccine research. Findings will help inform initial campaign decisions and serve to evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign's efforts. *Frequency of Response:* One time. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Random samples of adults, including those considered at-risk for HIV and members of their social networks. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Adults	1,500	1	.0833	125
At-risk groups	2,400	1	.25	600
Members of social networks	300	1	.0833	25
Total	4,200		.1786	750

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at $7,500. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Thomas LaSalvia, Associate Director for Scientific Information and Program Planning, DAIDS, NIAID, NIH, 6700–B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7620, Room 4143, Bethesda, MD 20892–7620, or call non-toll free (301) 496–0545, or E-mail your request, including your address to *tl38r@nih.gov.*

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: November 15, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs

SUMMARY: Under the provision of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Director, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 20, 2001, pages 43590 to 43591 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 0925–0361, expiration date 11/30/01). *Form Numbers:* NIH 2674–1, NIH 2674–2, NIH 2674–3, NIH 2674–4, NIH 2674–5, NIH 2674–6, NIH 2674–7, NIH 2674–8, NIH 2674–9, NIH 2674–10, NIH 2674–11, and NIH 2674–12. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The NIH makes available financial assistance, in the form of educational loan repayment, to M.D., Ph.D., Pharm.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.P.M., D.C., and N.D. degree holders, or the equivalent, who perform clinical, biomedical, contraception and infertility, biobehavioral, minority health disparities, or other health disparities research for a minimum of 2 years (3 years for the General Research LRP). For intramural LRPs, the qualifying research must be performed in NIH intramural laboratories. For extramural LRPs, the qualifying research may be performed as NIH extramural grantees, as employees or affiliates of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development extramural sites, or as employees or affiliates of other public or private research institutions.

The AIDS Research Loan Repayment Program (AIDS–LRP) is authorized by section 487A of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 288–1); the Contraception and Infertility LRP (CIR–LRP) is authorized by section 487B of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 288–2); the General Research LRP (GR–LRP) is authorized by section 487C of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 288–3); the Clinical Research LRP for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (CR–LRP) is authorized by section 487E (42 U.S.C. 288–5). The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 106–554) amended section 487E of the PHS Act to allow expansion of the