

Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than August 20, 2012.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment

Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5428, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 1st day of August 2012.

**Elliott S. Kushner,**  
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

#### APPENDIX

16 TAA petitions instituted between 7/23/12 and 7/27/12

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
81817 .....	Honeywell Metropolis Works (Union) .....	Metropolis, IL .....	07/23/12	07/20/12
81818 .....	Mi-Lin Wood Products (Company) .....	Paoli, IN .....	07/23/12	07/20/12
81819 .....	Medical Card System (State/One-Stop) .....	De Pere, WI .....	07/23/12	07/20/12
81820 .....	PSB Limited (Workers) .....	Mendon, NY .....	07/24/12	07/11/12
81821 .....	Bonnell Aluminum (Company) .....	Kentland, IN .....	07/24/12	07/23/12
81822 .....	Ross Mould, Inc. (Union) .....	Washington, PA .....	07/24/12	07/13/12
81823 .....	Champion Photochemistry (Company) .....	Rochester, NY .....	07/25/12	07/24/12
81824 .....	Miasa Automotive, LLC (Company) .....	Yorktown, IN .....	07/25/12	07/24/12
81825 .....	Institute for Career Development (State/One-Stop) .....	Sparrows Point, MD .....	07/25/12	07/24/12
81826 .....	Konarka Technologies (State/One-Stop) .....	New Bedford, MA .....	07/26/12	07/25/12
81827 .....	Verizon (Workers) .....	Hilliard, OH .....	07/26/12	07/20/12
81828 .....	Atmel Corporation (State/One-Stop) .....	San Jose, CA .....	07/26/12	07/24/12
81829 .....	United Knitting, LP (Company) .....	Cleveland, TN .....	07/26/12	07/25/12
81830 .....	LA Salad International (State/One-Stop) .....	City of Industry, CA .....	07/26/12	07/25/12
81831 .....	CDI (Company) .....	Virginia Beach, VA .....	07/27/12	07/24/12
81832 .....	Bnymellon (Workers) .....	Brooklyn, NY .....	07/27/12	07/26/12

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.  
**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 77 FR 33496, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways

to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton at (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 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* DUE Project Data Form.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145-0201.

*Abstract:* The DUE Project Data Form (NSF 1295) is a component of all grant proposals submitted to NSF's Division of Undergraduate Education. This form collects information needed to direct proposals to appropriate reviewers and to report the estimated collective impact of proposed projects on institutions, students, and faculty members. Requested information includes the discipline of the proposed project, collaborating organizations involved in the project, the academic level on which the project focuses (e.g., lower-level undergraduate courses, upper-level undergraduate courses), characteristics of the organization submitting the proposal, special audiences (if any) that the project would target (e.g., women, minorities, persons with disabilities), strategic foci (if any) of the project (e.g., research on teaching and learning, international activities, integration of research and education), and the number of students and faculty at different educational levels who would benefit from the project.

*Respondents:* Investigators who submit proposals to NSF's Division of Undergraduate Education.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 2,500.

*Burden on the Public:* 20 minutes (per response) for an annual total of 833 hours.

Dated: August 6, 2012.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Comment Request: Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Jurisdictional Survey

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this information collection. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 66167 and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**DATES:** Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by OMB within 30 days of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling (703) 292-7556.

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unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Jurisdictional Survey Evaluation for the National Science Foundation.

*OMB Number:* 3145-NEW.

*Type of Request:* Initial Clearance.

#### Abstract

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 507-81st Congress, as amended) stated that “\* \* \* it shall be an objective of the Foundation to strengthen science and engineering research potential and education at all levels throughout the United States; and avoid undue concentration of such research and education, respectively.” This Congressional directive recognized the inherent value of a truly national scientific and engineering (S&E) research enterprise. Over time, however, the nation’s S&E efforts became concentrated geographically, focusing primarily on a limited number of major research universities. The NSF’s resources became concentrated to the point where in 1977, in response to congressional concerns; the National Science Board established a task force to examine the geographical distribution of NSF awards. The issue was discussed at the 195th meeting of the NSB. Approval was requested for initiation of a program designed to “stimulate competitive research in regions of the country that were less able to compete successfully for research funds.” In 1978 the NSB approved a resolution (NSB-78-12) establishing the *Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)* and the general guidelines for its management.

The mission of EPSCoR is to assist the National Science Foundation in its statutory function “to strengthen research and education in science and engineering throughout the United States and to avoid undue concentration of such research and education.”

The EPSCoR goals are to: (1) Provide strategic programs and opportunities for EPSCoR participants that stimulate sustainable improvements in their R&D capacity and competitiveness; and (2) advance science and engineering capabilities in EPSCoR jurisdictions for

discovery, innovation, and overall knowledge-based prosperity.

The EPSCoR objectives are to: (1) Catalyze key research themes and related activities within and among EPSCoR jurisdictions that empower knowledge generation, dissemination and application; (2) activate effective jurisdictional and regional collaborations among academic, government and private sector stakeholders that advance scientific research, promote innovation and provide multiple societal benefits; (3) broaden participation in science and engineering by institutions, organizations and people within and among EPSCoR jurisdictions; and (4) use EPSCoR for development, implementation and evaluation of future programmatic experiments that motivate positive change and progression.

#### Expected Respondents

The respondents will be current and former EPSCoR awardees based at academic; state and local governments; and non-profit organizations. Quantitative procedures will be fielded using Web-based modes. Up to 200 EPSCoR awardees will be contacted to request their participation in the survey. As needed, each EPSCoR awardee will be contacted with reminders to complete the survey no more than twice during the survey’s duration under this generic clearance. Technology will be heavily utilized to limit the burden on respondents.

#### Use of the Information

The purpose of this survey of EPSCoR awardees is to better understand outcomes of NSF EPSCoR-related investments. The data will be used internally to inform NSF as it considers future improvements to the EPSCoR program, and to gain a better understanding regarding the program’s impact on associated research and education activities. Findings may be presented externally to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in technical papers at conferences, published in the proceedings of conferences, or in journals.

#### Burden on the Public

*Number of Respondents:* 87.

*Average Number of Hour per Response:* 30.

*Overall Burden Request (in hours):* 2639.

*Comments:* 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