

- 232. Smith River Rancheria
- 233. Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington
- 234. Soboba Band of Mission Indians
- 235. Sokaogon Chippewa Community
- 236. Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- 237. Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe
- 238. Spokane Tribe of Indians
- 239. Squaxin Island Tribe
- 240. St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
- 241. St. Regis Mohawk Tribe of New York
- 242. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- 243. Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
- 244. Stockbridge-Munsee Community
- 245. Suquamish Indian Tribe
- 246. Susanville Indian Rancheria
- 247. Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- 248. Sycuan Band of Mission Indians
- 249. Table Mountain Rancheria
- 250. Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation
- 251. Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
- 252. Tohono O'odham Nation
- 253. Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- 254. Tonto Apache Tribe
- 255. Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- 256. Tulalip Tribes of Washington
- 257. Tule River Tribe
- 258. Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
- 259. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
- 260. Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
- 261. Twenty Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
- 262. United Auburn Indian Community
- 263. Upper Sioux Community
- 264. Upper Skagit Indian Tribe of Washington
- 265. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- 266. U-tu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe of Benton Paiute Reservation
- 267. Viejas Band of Mission Indians
- 268. Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
- 269. White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa Indians
- 270. White Mountain Apache Tribe
- 271. Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma
- 272. Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- 273. Wiyot Tribe of Table Bluff Reservation
- 274. Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma
- 275. Yankton Sioux Tribe
- 276. Yavapai Apache Nation of Camp Verde Indians
- 277. Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe
- 278. Yurok Tribe

**Philip N. Hogen,**

*Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewed clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

*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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, 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.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by June 10, 2008, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date would be considered to the extent practicable.

**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 e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail 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.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Monitoring for the National Science Foundation's Math and Science Partnership (MSP) Program.  
*OMB Control No.:* 3145-0199.

*Expiration Date of Approval:*  
September 30, 2008.

### 1. Abstract

This document has been prepared to support the clearance of data collection instruments to be used in the evaluation of the Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program. The goals for the program are to (1) ensure that all K-12 students have access to, are prepared for, and are encouraged to participate and succeed in challenging curricula and advanced mathematics and science courses; (2) enhance the quality, quantity, and diversity of the K-12 mathematics and science teacher workforce; and (3) develop evidence-based outcomes that contribute to our understanding of how students effectively learn mathematics and science. The motivational force for realizing these goals is the formation of partnerships between institutions of higher education (IHEs) and K-12 school districts. The role of IHE content faculty is the cornerstone of this intervention. In fact, it is the rigorous involvement of science, mathematics, and engineering faculty—and the expectation that both IHEs and K-12 school systems will be transformed—that distinguishes MSP from other education reform efforts.

The components of the overall MSP portfolio include active projects whose initial awards were made prior MSP competitions: (1) Comprehensive Partnerships that implement change in mathematics and/or science educational practices in both higher education institutions and in schools and school districts, resulting in improved student achievement across the K-12 continuum; (2) Targeted Partnerships that focus on improved K-12 student achievement in a narrower grade range or disciplinary focus within mathematics or science; (3) Institute Partnerships: Teacher Institutes for the 21st Century that focus on the development of mathematics and science teachers as school—and district-based intellectual leaders and master teachers; and (4) Research, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (RETA) projects that build and enhance large-scale research and evaluation capacity for all MSP awardees and provide them with tools and assistance in the implementation and evaluation of their work.

The MSP monitoring information system, comprised of eight web-based surveys and one paper survey, collects a common core of data about each component of MSP. The Web application for MSP has been developed with a modular design that incorporates

templates and self-contained code modules for rapid development and ease of modification. A downloadable version will also be available for respondents who prefer a paper version that they can mail or fax to the external contractor.

*Use of the Information:* This information is required for effective program planning, administration, communication, program and project monitoring and evaluation, and for measuring attainment of NSF's program, project and strategic goals, as required by the President's Management agenda as represented by the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART); the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-171) which established the Academic Competitiveness Council (ACC) and the NSF's Strategic Plan. The Foundation's FY 2006-2011 Strategic Plan describes four strategic outcome goals of Discovery, Learning, Research Infrastructure, and Stewardship. NSF's complete strategic plan may be found at: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf0648](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf0648).

## 2. Expected Respondents

Individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, business or other for profit, and Federal, State, local or tribal government. The expected respondents are principal investigators of all partnership and RETA projects; STEM and education faculty members and administrators who participated in MSP; school districts and IHEs that are partners in an MSP project; and teachers participating in Institute Partnerships.

## 3. Burden on the Public

*Number of Respondents:* 2,348.

*Burden on the Public:* The total estimate for this collection is 52,082 annual burden hours.

This figure is based upon the previous 3 years of collecting information under this clearance and anticipated collections. The average annual reporting burden is estimated to be between 2 and 22 hours per respondent depending on whether a respondent is a direct participant who is self-reporting or representing a project and reporting on behalf of many project participants. The majority of respondents (60%) are estimated to require fewer than two hours to complete the survey. The burden on the public is negligible because the study is limited to project participants that have received funding from the MSP Program.

Dated: March 11, 2008.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by April 16, 2008. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* H. William Detrich, III, Department of Biology, 134 Mugar Hall, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02067. Permit Application No. 2009-001.

## Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Introduce non-indigenous species. The applicant plans to use *E. coli* bacteria for the production of  $^{35}\text{S}$ -labeled proteins to be used in protein assays performed in the Palmer Station laboratories. The focus of the research is the reconstitution of a cold-functioning chaperonin protein folding system from testis tissue of the Antarctic fish *Notothenia coriiceps*. In order to demonstrate that the chaperonin is functional, protein substrates labeled with  $^{35}\text{S}$ -methionine must be used. To obtain these proteins they need to express *N. coriiceps* actin and tubulin substrates in *E. coli* in a medium supplemented with  $^{35}\text{S}$ -methionine. Cultures will be autoclaved to kill the bacteria and the waste will be disposed using approved protocols.

*Location:* Palmer Station, Anvers Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

*Dates:* April 27, 2008 to July 4, 2008.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. *The title of the information collection:* 48 CFR 20, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Acquisition Regulation (NRCAR).

2. *Current OMB control number:* 3150-0169.

3. *How often the collection is required:* on occasion; one time.

4. *Who is required or asked to respond:* There are 355 potential contractors who could respond to NRC solicitations.

5. *The number of annual responses:* 3,482 annually from 355 respondents.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* There is both a reporting and