

Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

Estimates have been updated with current state and federal labor costs.

What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: March 19, 2008.

Craig E. Hooks,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

[OMB Number: 3046-0017]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection—Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) gives notice of its intent to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to approve a renewal of an information collection as described below.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before May 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *By mail to:* Stephen Llewellyn, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507.

- *By facsimile ("FAX") machine to:* (202) 663-4114. (There is no toll free FAX number). Only comments of six or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX

transmittal, in order to assure access to the equipment. Receipt of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4070 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TTY). (These are not toll free numbers).

- *By the Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. After accessing this Web site, follow its instructions for submitting comments.

Comments need to be submitted in only one of the above-listed formats, not all three. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Copies of the received comments also will be available for inspection in the EEOC Library, FOIA Reading Room, by advance appointment only, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday except legal holidays, from May 27, 2008 until the Commission publishes the 30-day notice for this item. Persons who schedule an appointment in the EEOC Library, FOIA Reading Room, and need assistance to view the comments will be provided with appropriate aids upon request, such as readers or print magnifiers. To schedule an appointment to inspect the comments at the EEOC Library, FOIA Reading Room, contact the EEOC Library by calling (202) 663-4630 (voice) or (202) 663-4641 (TTY). (These are not toll free numbers).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reed L. Russell, Legal Counsel, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507; (202) 663-4638 (voice) or (202) 663-7026 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC or Commission) gives notice of its intent to submit the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures (UGESP or Uniform Guidelines),¹ without change, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a three-year approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). A prior PRA document relating to the Uniform Guidelines entitled "Agency Information Collection Activities: Adoption of Additional Questions and Answers To Clarify and Provide a Common Interpretation of the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures as They Relate to the Internet and Related Technologies," was published in the March 4, 2004

Federal Register. 69 FR 10152. ("March 4, 2004 PRA document").

Based on the comments received to the March 4, 2004 PRA document, the EEOC does not intend to finalize the five additional Questions and Answers that include clarification of the definition of "applicant." However, employers still must ensure that they are complying with the requirements of UGESP.

The preamble of the March 4, 2004 PRA document stated that "[e]ach agency may provide further information, as appropriate, through the issuance of additional guidance or regulations that will allow each agency to carry out its specific enforcement responsibilities." 69 FR 10153. The Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs then amended its regulations governing applicant recordkeeping requirements "in light of [its] unique use of applicant data for compliance monitoring and other enforcement purposes." 70 FR 58946.

In light of the EEOC's unique enforcement responsibilities and priorities monitoring employment practices and detecting employment discrimination, it will determine, after further study, how and if it should issue further guidance or regulations clarifying Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding when employers and job seekers use the Internet and related technologies.

Request for Comments

The EEOC invites comments enabling the agency to:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 submission of responses.

Overview of Collection

Collection Title: Recordkeeping Requirements of the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures, 29

¹ 29 CFR part 1607, 41 CFR part 60-3, 28 CFR part 50, 5 CFR part 300.

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OMB Number: 3046–0017.

Type of Respondent: Businesses or other institutions; federal government; state or local governments and farms.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code: Multiple.

Standard Industrial Classification Code (SIC): Multiple.

Description of Affected Public: Any employer, government contractor, labor organization, or employment agency covered by the federal equal employment opportunity laws.

Respondents: 846,156.

Responses: 846,156.

Recordkeeping Hours: 14,822,194.89.

Number of Forms: None.

Form Number: None.

Frequency of Report: None.

Abstract: The records addressed by UGESP are used by respondents to assure that they are complying with Title VII and Executive Order 11246; by the federal agencies that enforce Title VII and/or Executive Order 11246 to investigate, conciliate and litigate charges of employment discrimination; and by complainants to establish violations of federal equal employment opportunity laws.

Burden Statement: There are no reporting requirements associated with UGESP. The burden being estimated is the cost of collecting and storing a job applicant's gender, race and ethnicity data. The only paperwork burden derives from this recordkeeping.

Only employers covered under Title VII and Executive Order 11246 are subject to UGESP. For the purpose of burden calculation, employers with 15 or more employees are counted. The number of such employers is estimated at 846,156, which combines estimates from private employment, the public sector, colleges and universities, and referral unions.

This burden assessment is based on an estimate of the total number of job applications submitted to all Title VII-covered employers in one year, including paper-based and electronic applications. The total number of job applications submitted every year to these covered employers is estimated to be 1,778,663,387, which is based on a National Organizations Survey average of 35.225 applications for every hire and a Bureau of Labor Statistics data estimate of 50,490,000 annual hires. It also includes 153,137 applicants for union membership reported on the EEO–3 form for 2006.

The employer burden associated with collecting and storing applicant demographic data is based on the

following assumptions: applicants would need to be asked to provide three pieces of information—sex, race/ethnicity, and an identification number (a total of approximately 13 keystrokes); the employer would need to transfer information received to a data base either manually or electronically; and the employer would need to store the 13 characters of information for each applicant. Recordkeeping cost and burden are assumed to be the cost of entering 13 keystrokes.

Assuming that the required recordkeeping takes 30 seconds per record, and assuming a total of 1,778,663,387 paper and electronic applications per year, the resulting UGESP burden hours would be 14,822,195. Based on a wage rate of \$12.29 per hour for the individuals entering the data, the collection and storage of applicant demographic data would come to \$182,164,777 per year for Title VII-covered employers.

Dated: March 17, 2008.

Naomi C. Earp,

Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Dates and Place: April 8, 2008, Washington, DC. The meeting will be held in Room 100 at the Keck Center of the National Academies at 500 5th St., NW., Washington, DC.

Type of Meeting: Open. Further details on the meeting agenda will be posted on the PCAST Web site at: http://ostp.gov/cs/pcast/meetings_agendas.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is scheduled to meet in open session on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at approximately 9 a.m. The chair of the PCAST subcommittee on personalized medicine is tentatively scheduled to lead a discussion on the findings of the PCAST study on personalized medicine.

The PCAST also is tentatively scheduled to convene two panels. The first panel will address policy issues associated with realizing the benefits of personalized medicine. The second panel will address approaches and barriers to research partnerships among universities and the private sector. Additionally, PCAST is tentatively scheduled to receive a briefing on the 2008 Science and Engineering Indicators developed by the National Science Board. This session will end at approximately 4 p.m. Additional information and the final agenda will be posted at the PCAST Web site at: http://ostp.gov/cs/pcast/meetings_agendas.

Public Comments: There will be time allocated for the public to speak on the above agenda items. This public comment time is designed for substantive commentary on PCAST's work topics, not for business marketing purposes. Please submit a request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. The time for public comments will be limited to no more than 5 minutes per person. Written comments are also welcome at any time following the meeting. Please notify Dr. Scott Steele, PCAST Executive Director, at (202) 456–6549, or fax your request/comments to (202) 456–6040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information regarding agenda, time, and location is available at the PCAST Web site at: http://ostp.gov/cs/pcast/meetings_agendas. Questions about the meeting should be directed to PCAST Executive Director Dr. Scott Steele at (202) 456–6549 prior to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 13226, on September 30, 2001. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of science and technology policy, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Council members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John H. Marburger, III, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and by E. Floyd