

2. *Review and Selection Process:* An additional factor we consider in selecting an application for an award is demonstration of a tri-lateral, innovative North American approach to training and education.

## VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to [www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html](http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html).

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), the following two performance measures will be used by the Department in assessing the success of the FIPSE—Special Focus Competition: Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education:

(1) The extent to which funded projects are being replicated (*i.e.*, adopted or adapted by others).

(2) The manner in which projects are being institutionalized and continued after funding.

If funded, you will be asked to collect and report data from your project on steps taken toward achieving the outcomes evaluated by these performance measures (*i.e.*, institutionalization and replication). Consequently, applicants are advised to include these two outcomes in

conceptualizing the design, implementation, and evaluation of their proposed projects. Institutionalization and replication are important outcomes that ensure the ultimate success of international consortia funded through this program.

## VII. Agency Contact

*For Further Information Contact:* Frank Frankfort, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6154, Washington, DC 20006-8544. Telephone: (202) 502-7513.

If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

## VIII. Other Information

*Accessible Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (*e.g.*, Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

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*Delegation of Authority:* The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzellan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: January 22, 2010.

**Daniel T. Madzellan,**

*Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection package to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The package requests a three-year extension of its "Annual Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Report for State and Alternative Fuel Provider Fleets," OMB Control Number 1910-5101. This information collection package covers information necessary to ensure the compliance of regulated fleets with the alternative fueled vehicle acquisition requirements imposed by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, as amended, (EPACT).

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before February 26, 2010. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to:

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments should also be addressed to:

John E. Davenport, Director, M-11/ Germantown Bldg., U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, and to:

Mr. Dana O'Hara, Regulatory Manager, Vehicle Technologies Program, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana O'Hara at the addresses listed above in **ADDRESSES** or by e-mail at [dana.o'hara.ee.doe.gov](mailto:dana.o'hara.ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This package contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5101; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Annual Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Report for State Government and Alternative Fuel

Provider Fleets; (3) Type of Review: renewal; (4) Purpose: the information is required so that DOE can determine whether alternative fuel provider and State government fleets are in compliance with the alternative fueled vehicle acquisition mandates of sections 501 and 507(o) of the EPACT, whether such fleets should be allocated credits under section 508 of EPACT, and whether fleets that opted into the alternative compliance program under section 514 of EPACT are in compliance with the applicable requirements; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 300; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 1,651.

**Statutory Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 13251 *et seq.*

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 15, 2010.

**Cathy Zoi,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Request for Comments and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Request for General Comments.

**SUMMARY:** EIA is seeking general comments on matters described below in support of the Energy and Financial Markets Initiative announced on September 9, 2009.

**DATES:** Comments from interested parties are requested to be received by close of business on March 29, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission, preferably as a Word attachment to an e-mail to ([karen.robinson@eia.doe.gov](mailto:karen.robinson@eia.doe.gov)), or by FAX (202-586-3873). The mailing address is Office of Oil and Gas, E1-40, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Karen R. Robinson may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-2585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Karen Robinson at the address listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

II. Current Actions

III. Request for Comments

### I. Background

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is the statistical and analytical agency within the U.S. Department of Energy. EIA collects, analyzes, and disseminates independent and impartial energy information to promote sound policymaking, efficient markets, and public understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment. EIA is the Nation's premier source of energy information and, by law, its data, analyses, and forecasts are independent of approval by any other officer or employee of the United States Government.

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 as amended, specifically 15 U.S.C. 790a, and the DOE Organization Act, specifically 42 U.S.C. 7135, require EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands and to promote sound policymaking, efficient markets, and public understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment.

The present notice focuses on information needed to support analysis and increased understanding of energy markets and does not itself propose any new information collection by EIA. The general comments received in response to this notice will be considered by the agency as it develops a plan of action to fill key information gaps.

EIA evaluates its activities on an ongoing basis through a variety of formal and informal methods. EIA provides opportunities for interested parties to shape its functions and practices through its annual conference, joint meetings with the American Statistical Association, meetings with experts, and other outreach opportunities. EIA also tracks its website metrics and formal citations of its data and analyses to measure interest in the information it provides.

The EIA Web site at <http://www.eia.gov> is the principal method for dissemination of its energy industry information. One of the Web site pages, <http://www.eia.doe.gov/bookshelf.html>, provides a list of weekly, monthly and annual reports and special analyses, and another page, [\[oss/forms.html\]\(http://www.eia.doe.gov/oss/forms.html\), lists over 64 active data surveys and forms used to collect these data. During fiscal year 2009, EIA Web pages were viewed over 10 million times per month, reflecting both searches for information and cataloging of sites by search engines. A recent survey indicated that about half of EIA visitors are commercial, and many indicate that they use information from EIA and other Web sites to meet their needs. Many customers are regular users of EIA data; nearly half of the respondents to the survey indicated that they visited the Web site weekly or more frequently.](http://www.eia.doe.gov/</a></p>
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In recent years, energy markets have developed in ways that were not anticipated in the original planning and evolution of EIA's information program. In addition to the factors EIA has historically tracked, such as production, consumption, inventories, and spare capacity, moving forward, EIA is interested in assessing other market influences, such as speculation, hedging, investment, interest rates and exchange rates. On September 9, 2009, EIA announced an Energy and Financial Markets Initiative to improve EIA's responsiveness, in particular, to energy market developments (<http://www.eia.doe.gov/neic/press/press325.html>). Proposed actions were announced in four main areas, including identification of critical information on factors affecting energy prices and analysis through in-depth studies of energy market behavior. Other efforts included coordination with other Federal agencies engaged in energy market information collection and analysis and outreach to solicit feedback from a broad range of experts on the interrelationship of energy and financial markets.

In its September 2009 announcement, EIA pointed out that it already collects significant energy information, but that additional data would further improve market transparency. EIA has already proposed to expand its collection of commercial oil and refined products storage capacity data beginning in early 2010. The **Federal Register** notice for this collection can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-26319.pdf>. EIA has moved toward a broader analysis of market factors through a characterization of oil and natural gas market volatility in the *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (STEO). EIA now calculates an "implied volatility" for oil and natural gas futures prices using a generally accepted mathematical model, as described in the technical report accompanying the STEO entitled *Energy Price Volatility and Forecast Uncertainty* (at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/>