

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR 1218-TWOW (2001)]

State Plans for the Development and Enforcement of Standards; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of Information-Collection (Paperwork) Requirements; 29 CFR Parts 1902, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) solicits public comment concerning its request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements associated with its regulations regarding State Plans for the development and enforcement of standards. Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act offers an opportunity to the States to assume responsibility for the development and enforcement of State standards through the mechanism of an OSHA-approved State Plan. Absent an approved plan States are precluded from enforcing occupational safety and health standards with respect to an issue that is addressed by OSHA. In order to obtain and maintain State Plan approval, a State must submit various documents to OSHA describing its program operation under 29 CFR Parts 1902, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before November 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 1218-TWOW (2001), Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Price, Directorate of Federal-State Operations, Office of State Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3700, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone; (202) 693-2244, e-mail Diane.Price@osha.gov. A copy of the agency's Information Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collections specified in these regulations is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or by requesting a copy from

Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/comp-links.html> and select "Information Collection Requests."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, has practical utility, reporting burden (time and cost) is minimized, collection instruments are understandable, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is correct. Currently, OSHA is soliciting comments concerning the information collection requirements contained in the series of regulations establishing requirements for the initial approval, continuing approval, final approval, monitoring and evaluation of OSHA-approved State Plans:

- 29 CFR part 1902, State Plans for the Development and Enforcement of State Standards;
- 29 CFR part 1952, Approved State Plans for Enforcement of State Standards;
- 29 CFR part 1953, Changes to State Plans for the Development and Enforcement of State Standards;
- 29 CFR part 1954, Procedures for the Evaluation and Monitoring of Approved State Plans;
- 29 CFR part 1955, Procedures for Withdrawal of Approval of State Plans;
- 29 CFR part 1956, State Plans for the Development and Enforcement of State Standards Applicable to State and Local Government Employees in States without Approved Private Employee Plans

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSHA's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and cost) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden on participating States, for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting OMB approval of the collection-of-information requirements associated with its State Plan regulations. Specifically, OSHA is requesting approval of a total burden-hour estimate of 9,874 hours affecting the 26 States that currently operate OSHA-approved State plans:

Information collection requirement	Estimated burden hours
State Plan Submission and Approval 29 CFR 1902, 1952, Subparts A-C, 1952, Subpart A	¹ 0
State Plan Changes 29 CFR 1953	2,360
State Plan Monitoring Activities 29 CFR 1954	7,514
Total	9,874

¹No State Plans currently pending; 2000 burden hours for active collection.

The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice. OSHA will then include this summary in its request to OMB to approve these information collection requirements.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: State Plans for the Development and Enforcement of Standards.

OMB Number: 1218-0NEW.

Agency Number: Docket Number ICR-1218-TWOW (2001).

Affected Public: Designated State government agencies which have submitted and obtained approval for State Plans for the development and enforcement of occupational safety and health standards.

Number of Respondents: 26.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; quarterly; annually.

Average Time Per Response: Varies from 1 hour to respond to an information survey to 80 hours to document State annual performance goals.

Estimated total burden hours: 9,874.

Estimated Cost: 0. There are no capital or start-up costs.

IV. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Signed at Washington, D.C., on August 28, 2001.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura S. Nelson, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* September 19, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Regional Humanities Centers, Implementation Phase, submitted to the Office of Challenge Grants at the August 1, 2001 deadline.

2. *Date:* September 21, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Regional Humanities Centers, Implementation Phase, submitted to the Office of Challenge Grants at the August 1, 2001 deadline.

Laura S. Nelson,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Carry Out a New Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for three years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by November 5, 2001 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR

COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone 703-292-7556; or send email to 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. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: "eRecruitment" System.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to carry out a new information collection.

Abstract

National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Human Resources (HRM), as part of its Workforce Planning efforts, is reengineering its business processes. Part of this reengineering effort is devoted to making the application and referral process for both internal and external applicants easier to use, more efficient and timely. Applicants will apply on-line using a web-based resume, which will prompt them to provide pertinent personal data necessary to apply for a position.

Proposed Project

Use of the Information

The information will be used by NSF to provide applicants with the ability to apply electronically for NSF positions and receive notification as to their qualifications, application dispensation and to request to be notified of future vacancies for which they may qualify.

In order to apply for vacancies, applicants will be required to submit certain data in order to receive consideration. Users only need access to the Internet for this system to work. This information will be used to determine which applicants are best qualified for a position, based on applicant responses to a series of job related "yes/no" or "multiple choice" questions. The resume portion requires applicants to provide the same information they would provide were they were submitting a paper OF-612. The obvious benefit being that the applicant may do so on-line, 24 hours a day/seven days a week and receive electronic notification about the status of their application or information on other vacancies for which they may qualify. Staff members of the Human Resource Division and the selecting official(s) for specific positions for which applicants apply are the only ones privy to the applicant data. The most significant data is not the applicant personal data such as address or phone number but rather their description of their work experience and their corresponding responses to those questions, which determine their overall rating, ranking, and referral to the selecting official.

Estimate of Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average less than 30 to 45 minutes to create the on line resume and