

collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Current Actions: New collection of information.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Below we provide projected average estimates for the next three years:

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 12.

Average Number of Respondents per Activity: 500.

Annual Responses: 3,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 30.

Burden Hours: 1,500.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of MSPB, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of MSPB's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing

and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

William D. Spencer,
Clerk of the Board.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request, Proposed Collection: Heritage Health Index 2014 on the State of America's Collections (HHI 2014)

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services announces the following information collection has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the *Contact* section below on or before May 9, 2014.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- 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 submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Christopher J. Reich, Senior Advisor, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 M St. NW., 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. Mr. Reich can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4685, Fax: 202-653-4608, or by email at creich@imls.gov, or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is an independent Federal grant-making agency and is the primary source of Federal support for the Nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. IMLS provides a variety of grant programs to assist the Nation's museums and libraries in improving their operations and enhancing their services to the public. IMLS is responsible for identifying national needs for and trends in museum, library, and information services; measuring and reporting on the impact and effectiveness of museum, library and information services throughout the United States, including programs conducted with funds made available by IMLS; identifying, and disseminating information on, the best practices of such programs; and developing plans to improve museum, library and information services of the United States and strengthen national, State, local, regional, and international communications and cooperative networks (20 U.S.C. Chapter 72, 20 U.S.C. 9108).

Abstract: Because collections items are at the heart of all cultural heritage and collecting practices, IMLS will collect the Heritage Health Index to measure the extent and effectiveness of preservation activities and initiatives, and to identify areas for capacity building and professional development for collections stewards, from the nation's nonprofit museums, libraries, archives, historical societies/sites, and archaeological repositories.

Current Actions: This notice proposes clearance of the Heritage Health Index 2014 on the State of America's Collections (HHI 2014). The 60-day notice for the HHI 2014 (previously HHI II), was published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2013, (FR vol.

78, No. 237, pgs. 74173–74174). The agency has taken into consideration the one comment that was received under this notice.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Heritage Health Index 2014 on the State of America's Collections (HHI 2014).

OMB Number: To Be Determined.

Agency Number: 3137.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: The target population for the HHI 2014 Survey is U.S. cultural heritage organizations, including libraries, museums, archives, and archaeological repositories. A national probability sample of institutions generated using available mailing lists will be employed by the survey. Individual survey respondents within selected institutions will be knowledgeable persons about collections care and practices. Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government, and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 4,195.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1.8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 4,723 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: N/A.

Total Annualized cost to respondents: \$21,130.

Total Annual costs to Federal Government: \$379,542.

Contact: Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn.: OMB Desk Officer for Education, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–7316.

Dated: April 7, 2014.

Kim A. Miller,

Management Analyst, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 USC 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.

DATES: Written comments should be received by June 9, 2014 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will 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. 1265, Arlington, VA 22230, or by email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR

COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluation of National Science Foundation's Partnerships for International Research and Education Program.

OMB Approval Number: Not applicable.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Abstract. This is a request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, a three year clearance for Abt Associates Inc. to conduct data collection efforts for an outcome evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) Program. The PIRE program offers researchers an opportunity to forge collaborative relationships with foreign scientists and engineers and provides educational and professional development opportunities for U.S.-based postdoctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students to acquire on-site research experience at an international laboratory, institution or research site, whether university-, industry- or government-based. The PIRE program funds projects across a broad array of scientific and engineering disciplines in an effort to catalyze long-term, sustainable international partnerships for collaborative research. Across its first four award cohorts in 2005, 2007, 2010 and 2012, PIRE has made a total of 59 awards. PIRE grant awards range from \$2.5 million to \$5 million and typically last five years. These projects range from relatively small, bi-national consortia (e.g., two U.S. and two non-U.S. institutions in

one foreign country) to large, multi-national, multi-institutional awards (e.g., a dozen U.S. institutions and 11 non-U.S. institutions representing eight foreign nations). Many are multi-disciplinary, combining, for example, the expertise of econometricians with researchers in fluid dynamics; and, notably, many feature partnerships between academic and industrial or non-profit institutions. Collectively, these 59 PIRE projects have provided research and educational opportunities for more than 100 postdoctoral fellows, more than 625 graduate students and approximately 600 undergraduates. More than 600 U.S.-based and over 400 foreign-based faculty and researchers at university and non-academic institutions have participated in one or more PIRE-funded collaborations.

To assess the program's outcomes, NSF plans to collect data to explore the number and quality of publications produced by PIRE projects and participants, the international experiences of participants, their educational and career outcomes, the extent to which program participants establish and maintain collaborations with foreign researchers, and what effect the PIRE program has on policies and practices at U.S. and foreign institutions. The primary methods of data collection will include analyses of NSF program records and bibliometric data, and web-based surveys of principal investigators, postdoctoral and student participants, foreign senior investigators, and administrative officials at U.S. institutions.

Expected Respondents: Includes PIRE principal and co-principal investigators; postdoctoral, graduate student and undergraduate PIRE participants; foreign senior investigators (individuals with whom PIRE principal investigators have formed partnerships); administrative officials within international affairs and/or study abroad offices at U.S. institutions of the lead PIRE principal investigators; and principal or co-principal investigators, postdoctoral and graduate student participants in NSF-funded projects other than PIRE, selected for similarity to PIRE based on award year, amount, and duration, research fields, and degree of emphasis on international collaboration.

Use of the Information: The purpose of these studies is to provide NSF with outcome data on the PIRE program. These data would be used for internal program management and for reporting to stakeholders within and outside of NSF.

Burden on the Public: NSF estimates 3,000 survey responses collected one