

Research (NIDILRR) in the development, implementation and revision of the 5-year plan, ensuring priorities and activities are aligned with the tenets of the Plan; (2) provide input regarding the activities relative to the prioritization and integration of funding priorities, goals and timetables for implementation of activities to be conducted under Section 205 of the Rehabilitation Act; (3) ensure that the Director considers input of individuals with disabilities, organizations representing individuals with disabilities, providers of services furnished under this chapter, researchers in the rehabilitation field, and any other appropriate persons or entities; (4) review accomplishments and results of covered activities, and recommend and facilitate strategies for widespread dissemination in accessible formats, to rehabilitation practitioners, providers of independent living and other community-based services, individuals with disabilities, and the individuals' representatives, and individuals with disabilities who are members of minority groups or of populations that are unserved or underserved by programs.

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The Director of NIDILRR has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other council management activities on behalf of the ACL and NIDILRR.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

*Title:* Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration (STED) and Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration (ETJD).

[OMB No.: 0970-0413]

*Description:* The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is conducting a national evaluation called the Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration (STED). At the same time, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) within the Department of Labor (DOL) is conducting an evaluation of the Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration (ETJD). These evaluations will inform the Federal government about the effectiveness of subsidized and transitional employment programs in helping vulnerable populations secure unsubsidized jobs in the labor market and achieve self-sufficiency. The projects will evaluate thirteen subsidized and transitional employment programs nationwide, including a test of the effects of an expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income individuals without dependent children. ACF and ETA are

collaborating on the two evaluations. In 2011, ETA awarded grants to seven transitional jobs programs as part of the ETJD, which is testing the effect of combining transitional jobs with enhanced services to assist ex-offenders and noncustodial parents improve labor market outcomes, reduce criminal recidivism and improve family engagement.

The STED and ETJD projects have complementary goals and are focusing on related program models and target populations. Thus, ACF and ETA have collaborated on the design of data collection instruments to promote consistency across the projects. In addition, two of the seven DOL-funded ETJD programs are being evaluated as part of the STED project. ACF is submitting information collection requests on behalf of both collaborating agencies.

Data for the study is being and will continue to be collected from the following three major sources: Baseline forms, follow-up surveys (at 6, 12, and 30 months after study entry), and implementation research and site visits. Data collection for all but one STED site has been reviewed and approved by OMB (see OMB #0970-0413).

This notice is specific to a request for approval of the contact information form and baseline information form for a new STED site. These forms will collect important demographic and other information from all study participants in this site prior to the point of random assignment. These data will be important for describing the study sample and for estimating program effects for particular groups of interest.

*Respondents:* Study participants in the treatment and control groups at one additional STED site.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES—NEW INSTRUMENTS

| Instrument                                  | Total number of respondents | Annual number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Annual burden hours |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Participant contact information form .....  | 4,002                       | 1,334                        | 1                                  | .08                               | 107                 |
| Participant baseline information form ..... | 4,002                       | 1,334                        | 1                                  | .25                               | 334                 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 441.

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families and the Employment and Training Administration are soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described

above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be

identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

**Karl Koerper,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Applications for New Awards; National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research—Small Business Innovation Research Program—Phase I

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Overview Information

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)—Phase I.

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2015.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.133S-1.

#### DATES:

*Applications Available:* March 13, 2015.

**Note:** On July 22, 2014, President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA was effective immediately. One provision of WIOA transferred the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) from the Department of Education to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, NIDRR's name was changed to the Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). For FY 2015, all NIDILRR priority notices will be published as ACL notices, and ACL will make all NIDILRR awards. During this transition period, however, NIDILRR will continue to review grant applications using Department of Education tools. NIDILRR will post previously-approved application kits to grants.gov, and NIDILRR applications submitted to grants.gov will be forwarded to the Department of Education's G-5 system for peer review. We are using Department of

Education application kits and peer review systems during this transition year in order to provide for a smooth and orderly process for our applicants.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 12, 2015.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the SBIR program is four-fold:

- Stimulate technological innovation.
- Foster and encourage participation in innovation and entrepreneurship by socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses (SDBs), and by women-owned small businesses.
- Strengthen the role of small business in meeting Federal research and development (R&D) needs.
- Increase private-sector commercialization of innovations derived from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Department) R&D funding, thereby increasing competition, productivity, and economic growth.

##### Background

The Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982 (Act), Pub. L. 97-219, established the SBIR program. The Act requires certain agencies, including the Department, to reserve a statutory percentage of their extramural R&D budgets for two phases of the three-phase SBIR program (see <http://sbir.gov/about/about-sbir> for more information on the program).

Phase I awards are to determine, insofar as possible, the scientific or technical merit, feasibility, and commercial potential of R&D projects submitted under the SBIR program. Phase I awards are for amounts up to \$75,000 and for a period of up to six months. Phase II projects continue the development of Phase I projects. Funding is based on the results achieved in Phase I and the scientific and technical merit and commercial potential of the proposed Phase II project. Only Phase I grantees are eligible to apply for Phase II funding. Phase II awards are for amounts up to \$575,500 over a period of two years.

In Phase III, the small business grantee pursues commercial applications of the Phase I and II R&D. The SBIR program does not fund Phase III.

All SBIR projects funded by NIDILRR must address the needs of individuals with disabilities. (See 29 U.S.C. 760.) Project activities may include:

- Conducting manufacturing-related R&D that encompasses improvements in existing methods or processes, or

wholly new processes, machines, or systems, that benefit individuals with disabilities;

- Exploring the uses of technology to ensure equal access to education, employment, community environments, and information for individuals with disabilities; and
- Improving the quality and utility of disability and rehabilitation research.

**Note:** An applicant should consult NIDRR's Long-Range Plan for Fiscal Years 2013–2017 (78 FR 20299, published April 4, 2013) (the Plan) when preparing its application. The Plan is organized around the following research domains: (1) Community Living and Participation; (2) Health and Function; and (3) Employment.

*Priorities:* Under this competition we are particularly interested in applications that address one or more of the following five program priorities.

*Invitational Priorities:* For FY 2015 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are invitational priorities. We do not give an application that meets one of these invitational priorities a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

Each of the following invitational priorities relates to innovative research utilizing new technologies to address the needs of individuals with disabilities. These priorities are:

(1) Increased independence of individuals with disabilities in community settings, including educational settings, through the development of technology to support access to these settings and promote integration of individuals with disabilities.

(2) Enhanced sensory or motor function of individuals with disabilities through the development of technology to support improved functional capacity.

(3) Enhanced workforce participation through the development of technology to increase access to employment, promote sustained employment, and support employment advancement for individuals with disabilities.

(4) Enhanced community living and participation for individuals with disabilities through the development of accessible information technology including cloud computing, software, systems, and devices that promote access to information in educational, employment, and community settings, and voting technology that improves access for individuals with disabilities.

(5) Improved health-care interventions and increased use of related resources through the development of technology to support