vaccine research, (3) Enhancing the partnership between community and HIV clinical trial researchers, and (4) Creating support for current and future HIV vaccine trials and fostering an environment that supports clinical trial volunteers.

To determine if the strategies used to meet these objectives were successful, it is necessary to measure the effectiveness of initiative elements. Specifically, the evaluation will assess (a) implementation of NHVREI (*i.e.,* process evaluation) and (b) impact (*i.e.,* outcomes evaluation) of NHVREI on awareness of, knowledge about, and support for HIV vaccine research among NHVREI primary audiences (*i.e.,* partner organizations, key influencers) that work with target populations. The ultimate goal of evaluation planning and implementation is to determine what components/strategies of NHVREI are effective and impact desired outcomes, so that these components/strategies can be continued, enhanced, and/or expanded if needed.

Evaluation will be conducted through several processes including a survey and multiple focus groups. A survey will be conducted with key influencers of the NHVREI target populations to measure their level of awareness, knowledge about, and support for HIV vaccine research.

Focus groups will also be conducted with representatives of organizations receiving grants through the NHVREI Local Partnership Program (LPP) and National Partnership Program (NPP), as well as representatives from a broader group of organizations called the NHVREI Network. The LPP and NPP are organizations that are funded to raise awareness about HIV vaccine research at either the local or national level. The planned NHVREI network will be composed of leadership organizations and coalitions that are either influencers of or provide information services to the target populations. The purpose of conducting focus groups with LPP, NPP, and NHVREI Network representatives is to obtain data on their experience implementing NHVREI activities. Questions asked during the group discussions will address efforts implementing educational activities and developing materials, community partnerships developed, engagement of key influencers in program activities, and the types of media outreach and capacity building engaged in. *Frequency of Response:* Twice. *Affected Public:* Individuals. *Type of Respondents:* Key influencers of target populations. The annual reporting burden is shown in the table below. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Type of respondents	Form name	Estimated number of respondents	Nuumber of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
	Time 1				
LPP, NPP, and NHVREI Network	Focus Groups	78	1	1	78
Key Influencers	Survey	656	1	0.33	216
	Total Time 1	734			294
	Time 2				
LPP, NPP, and NHVREI Network	Focus Groups	78	1	1	78
Key Influencers	Survey	590	1	0.33	195
	Total Time 2	668			273
	Total Time 1 & Time 2	1,402			567

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Katharine Kripke, Assistant Director, Vaccine Research Program, Division of AIDS, NIAID, NIH, 6700B Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, MD 20892–7628, or call non-toll-free number 301–402–0846, or E-mail your request, including your address to *kripkek@niaid.nih.gov.*

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission to OMB, Comment Request; An Outcome Evaluation of the NIH Director's Pioneer Award (NDPA) Program

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: An Outcome Evaluation of the NIH Director's Pioneer Award (NDPA) Program. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This study will assess the NDPA Program outputs and outcomes. The primary objectives of the study are to assess: (1) Whether the NDPA awardees are conducting pioneering research, (2) whether there are spillover effects on the awardees, their lab members, NIH, and the scientific community, and (3) to follow the careers and ideas proposed by NDPA unfunded applicants. The findings will provide valuable information concerning the success of the awardees (pioneers) and whether the characteristics of the NDPA program are adopted by other NIH programs.

Frequency of Response: Once. *Affected Public:* none. *Type of Respondents:* Applicants, Unfunded Applicants, Pioneer Lab Members, Focus Group Panelists. There are no Capital Costs to report. *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50, *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1: *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 2.14 (60 minutes for awardees, 15 minutes for unfunded applicants, 30 minutes for pioneer lab members, and 10 hours for focus group panelists). *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 284.5 and the annualized cost to respondents is estimated at $18,181.72. Table l and Table 2, respectively, present data concerning the burden hours and cost burdens for this data collection.

TABLE 1—ANNUALIZED ESTIMATE OF HOUR BURDEN

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average time for response (hr)	Total hour burden*
Awardees (Pioneers)	22	1	1.0	22.0
Unfunded Applicants	440	1	0.25	110.0
Pioneer Lab Members	25	1	0.5	12.5
Expert Panel	14	1	10.0	140.0
Total	501	1	.56	284.5

Total Burden = N Respondents*Response Frequency*(minutes to complete/60).

TABLE 2—ANNUALIZED COST TO RESPONDENTS

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Response frequency	Approx. hourly wage rate	Total respondent cost**
Awardees	22	1	$64.72	$1,423.84
Unfunded Applicants	440	1	64.72	7119.20
Pioneer Lab Members	25	1	46.23	577.88
Focus Group Panel	14	1	64.72	9,060.80
Total	501	1	63.59	18,181.72

**Total Respondent Cost = Total Hour Burden * Hourly Wage Rate.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). All comments should be sent via email to *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov* or by fax to 202–395–6974. Attention: Desk Office for NIH. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments contact G. Stephane Philogene, Ph.D., Assistant Director for Policy and Planning, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive. Building 31, Room B2–B37 Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 402–3902 or E-mail your request, including your address to: *philoges@od.nih.gov.*

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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential