

**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES****Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities, NFAH.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval as required by the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling Susan G. Daisey, Director, Office of Grant Management, the National Endowment for the Humanities (202-606-8494) or may be requested by e-mail to [sdaisey@neh.gov](mailto:sdaisey@neh.gov). Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202-395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is particularly interested in comments which:

(1) 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; (2) 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; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

*Agency:* National Endowment for the Humanities.

*Title of Proposal:* General Clearance Authority to Develop Evaluation Instruments for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

*OMB Number:* N/A.

*Affected Public:* NEH grantees.

*Total Respondents:* 750.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 375 hours.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.

*Description:* The NEH is seeking a general clearance authority to develop evaluation instruments for its grant programs. These evaluation instruments will be used to collect information from NEH grantees from one to three years after the grantee has submitted the final performance report.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan G. Daisey, Director, Office of Grant Management, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 311, Washington, DC 20506, or by e-mail to: [sdaisey@neh.gov](mailto:sdaisey@neh.gov). Telephone: 202-606-8494.

**Carole M. Watson,**

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance for this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information of respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by October 24, 2005, 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 Boulevard, Room 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [spimpton@nsf.gov](mailto:spimpton@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to [spimpton@nsf.gov](mailto:spimpton@nsf.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Math and Science Partnership (MSP) Program. *OMB Control No.:* 3145-New.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Abstract:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests a three-year clearance for an evaluation of the Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program. After three years in existence, MSP as a program in its entirety has not been evaluated regarding whether it is achieving its goals or purposes. The MSP program is a research and development (R&D) effort funded by the NSF to integrate the work of higher education, especially disciplinary faculty in math, sciences, and engineering, with that of K-12 communities in order to strengthen and reform math and science education. The program is authorized under the NSF Authorization Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-368), December 19, 2002 (to authorize appropriations for FY 2003-07 and "for other purposes"). MSP is among 11 programs specifically authorized by the legislation (Sec. 11 authorizes a 12th program, the Centers for Research on Mathematics and Science Learning and Education Improvement).

The NSF's MSP program portfolio consists of about 80 awards or projects (e.g. design grants, standard or continuing grants or cooperative agreements) that initially were funded between 2002 and 2004. The type of awards subject to study and data collection, however, include only the comprehensive MSPs, targeted MSPs, teacher institute partnerships, and