

so that corrective action may be taken before an accident occurs. The requirements also provide for a systematic procedure for the inspection, testing, and maintenance of shaft and hoisting equipment. The mine operator must certify that the required inspections, tests, and maintenance have been made then record any unsafe condition identified during the examination or test.

The precise format in which the record is kept is left to the discretion of the mine operator. All records are made by the person conducting the required examination or test. Unless otherwise noted below, these records are to be retained for one year at the mine site.

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirement related to Records of Tests and Examinations of Personnel Hoisting Equipment. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSHA's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Address 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) to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules and Regs", then selecting "Fed Reg Docs."

## III. Current Actions

The information is used by industry management and maintenance personnel to project the expected safe service performance of hoist and shaft equipment; to indicate when maintenance and specific tests need to be performed; and to ensure that wire rope attached to the personnel

conveyance is replaced in time to maintain the necessary safety for miners. Federal inspectors use the records to ensure that inspections are conducted, unsafe conditions identified early and corrected. The consequence of hoist or shaft equipment malfunctions or wire rope failures can result in serious injuries and fatalities. It is essential that MSHA inspectors be able to verify that mine operators are properly inspecting their hoist and shaft equipment and maintaining it in safe condition.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Record of Tests and Examinations of Personnel Hoisting Equipment.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0034.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 255.

*Number of Responses:* 75,371.

*Total Burden Hours:* 6,873.

*Total Operating and Maintenance Costs:* \$306,000.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 11th day of October, 2007.

**David L. Meyer,**

*Director, Office of Administration and Management.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 11912, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected or (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto: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.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*Title of Collection:* Evaluation of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145-0204.

*Abstract:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests revision and extension of a currently approved data collection (e.g., interviews, surveys, focus groups, site visits protocols) measuring NSF's contribution to the Nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) enterprise and overall science and engineering workforce. This continuation expands

the data collection most recently approved through October 2009 (OMB 3145-0204) beyond the student respondents to administrators, faculty and other participants, observers, or beneficiaries in undergraduate programs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. NSF is reissuing this notice because the first notice did not make clear that there would be both individual and institutional respondents to these data collections.

NSF funds a program, called Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP), designed to help institutions strengthen the quality of their undergraduate STEM programs. For more information about HBCU-UP please visit the NSF Web site at: [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pins\\_id=5481&org=HRD&from=home](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pins_id=5481&org=HRD&from=home).

The Urban Institute (UI) is conducting an evaluation of the HBCU-UP program which received initial approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on 31 October 2006.

Using a multiple-methods approach, UI researchers are conducting an evaluation to study the effectiveness of the program. The evaluation will include both process and summative components. The process component will document how different models within the Program are being implemented, thus helping evaluators to link strategies to outcomes, identify crucial components of different models, and contribute to the construction of general theories to guide future initiatives to increase the diversity of the STEM workforce. The summative component of the evaluation will focus on the extent to which the Program has produced outcomes that meet stated goals for students, faculty and institutions. The process evaluation relies mainly on qualitative data collected during case study site visits and interviews; the summative evaluation will rely primarily on data collected through a survey of graduates and faculty.

NSF uses the UI analysis to prepare and publish reports and to respond to requests from Committees of Visitors, Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, particularly as related to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the Program Effectiveness Rating Tool (PART). The HBCU-UP study's broad questions include but are not limited to:

What do individuals following post-participation in HBCU-UP or other NSF-funded undergraduate education

opportunities do? Do HBCU-UP or other NSF-funded opportunities provide graduates with the professional and/or research skills needed to work in science and engineering? ARE HBCU-UP or other NSF-sponsored students and faculty satisfied that their NSF-funded experience advanced their careers in science or engineering? to what extent do HBCU-UP or other former-NSF-sponsored graduates engage in the science and engineering workforce conduct inter- or multi-disciplinary science? Is there evidence of a legacy from NSF-funding that changed a degree-granting department beyond number of students supported and degrees awarded? To what extent have projects achieved or contributed to individual project goals or the NSF program goals? To what extent have NSF-funded projects or programs broadened participation by diverse individuals, particularly individuals traditionally underemployed in science or engineering, including but not limited to women, minorities, and persons-with-disabilities?

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, business or other for profit, and Federal, State, Local or Tribal Government

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 4,155 (total).

*Burden on the Public:* 1,074 hours.

Dated: October 11, 2007.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new Privacy Act System of Records NSF-72: Research.gov.

*System Name:* Research.gov.

**SUMMARY:** Research.gov is a partnership, led by the National Science Foundation (NSF), of Federal, research-oriented grant making agencies with a shared vision of enhancing customer service for grant applicants while streamlining and standardizing processes among partner agencies. Research.gov displays records on research and other proposals jointly submitted by individual applicants (Principal Investigators) and their home academic or other institutions to the NSF as well as the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service (CSREES). NSF and USDA/CSREES make awards to these institutions under which the individual applicants serve as principal investigators. Research.gov provides end users with a consolidated view of grant application data by displaying information from existing Privacy Act systems maintained by its partner agencies (NSF and USDA/CSREES). Reprints of these Privacy Act Systems are included at the end of this notice (NSF-12, NSF-50, NSF-51 and USDA-CSREES-4).

The records displayed by Research.gov are used by the applicant/grantee's home academic or other institution, Sponsored Project Offices and Principal Investigators to track the status of grant applications.

**DATES: Effective Date:** This action shall be effective without further notice on November 17, 2007 unless comments are received during or before this period that would result in a contrary determination.

*Comments Due Date:* Submit comments on or before November 17, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Leslie Jensen, National Science Foundation, Office of the General Counsel, Room 1265, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to [ljensen@nsf.gov](mailto:ljensen@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This publication is in accordance with the Privacy Act requirement that agencies publish a new system of records in the **Federal Register**.

Submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Identify all comments sent in electronic e-mail with Subject Line: Comments on new system.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Leslie Jensen (703) 292-5065.

Dated: October 12, 2007.

**Lawrence Rudolph,**

*General Counsel.*

## National Science Foundation

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Research.gov (NSF-72).

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Research.gov is hosted by contract in Ashburn, VA. The hosting facility provides only the computer hardware, network environment, and application infrastructure for the Research.gov Portal. The data resulting from grant applications to the NSF are maintained both centrally and by individual NSF offices and programs at the National