

to establish clearance for an evaluation of the Teacher Professional Continuum (TPC) to assess how well the TPC program is meeting its intended goals. 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: 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be received by June 6, 2006 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date would 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. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail 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 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Request for Clearance for Program Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Teacher Professional Continuum (TPC).

Title of Collection: Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Teacher Professional Continuum (TPC) Program.

OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

1. Abstract

The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests a three-year clearance for research, evaluation and data collection (e.g. surveys and interviews) from stakeholders in the Teacher Professional Continuum (TPC) Program. TPC stakeholders typically are limited to faculty and administrators from universities and not-for-profit institutions (e.g., museums, non-degree granting educational or research institutions), K-12 educators, and former NSF employees and intergovernmental personnel act (IPA) appointees. This data collection will be the first time the NSF has evaluated the TPC Program.

K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) teachers and pre-service teacher candidates have inadequate content knowledge and experience high rates of teacher turnover that threaten student learning and the STEM teacher workforce. The current STEM knowledge base and infrastructure is ill equipped to respond to this crisis. In response, the TPC Program is designed to expand research on effective STEM teaching and teacher learning; develop professional resources for STEM teachers and those who educate them; and strengthen the infrastructure that supports the STEM profession. Recognizing that teacher professional development is comprised of a sequence of experiences that spans teachers' professional careers, the TPC program awards grants to researchers addressing pre-service training, new teacher induction, and in-service professional development. For specific details and the most updated information regarding TPC program operations, please visit the NSF Web site at: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12785=&ESI&from=home.

Abt Associates Inc. has been awarded a three-year contract to assess how well the TPC program is meeting its intended goals and to examine the program's contribution to the knowledge base for each stage of the teacher professional continuum. This theory-based evaluation will construct a conceptual model outlining how the TPC Program is intended to work, and then use a mixed-methods approach to assess observed program implementation and outcomes against the desired model. The study will answer the questions: (1) How does the TPC program work? (2) How are TPC resources allocated and what is the relationship between allocated resources and project results? (3) To what extent is the TPC program meeting its stated outcomes of

expanding research on effective STEM teaching and teacher learning, developing professional resources of STEM teachers and those who educate them, and strengthening the STEM education infrastructure? (4) What has facilitated the accomplishment or progress towards outcomes?

A series of surveys and interviews will be employed to answer these questions, along with the visits. Data sources will include a review of literature and resources, a review of grantee portfolios (including proposals, products and annual reports), surveys of TPC Principal Investigators (PIs), interviews with PIs and other grant staff, and extend grant documentation.

NSF will use the TPC program evaluation data and analyses to respond to requests from Committees of Visitors (COV), 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). NSF will also use the program evaluation to improve communication with TPC stakeholders and to share the broader impacts of the TPC program with the general public.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for profit, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 143.

Burden on the Public: 1100 hours.

Dated: April 3, 2006.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Information Collection Request; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The National Transportation Safety Board intends to submit the following (see below) public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the paperwork reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). OMB approval is being requested concurrently with this submission. A copy of this individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the National Transportation Safety Board Records Management Officer, Ms. Melba Moye, at (202) 314-6551.

Written comments and questions about the ICR should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Alex Hunt, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-6974, or ahunt@omb.eop.gov.

Agency: National Transportation Safety Board.

Title: Pilot/Operator Aircraft Accident/Incident Report.

OMB Number: 3147-0001.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals, Businesses (for and not for profit), Governments (State, Local, and Tribal).

Number of Respondents: 2100.

Estimated time per respondent: 60 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 2100.

Description: The National Transportation Safety Board is required to investigate aviation accidents and certain incidents as stated in the 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 830. Entities having a reportable accident/incident are required to report the details pertaining to the event to the Safety Board. To ensure pertinent data is collected, the Board uses a standard form for reporting the accident/incident.

The National Transportation Safety Board is seeking clearance to use the Pilot/Operator Aircraft Accident/Incident Report to help determine the facts, conditions, and circumstances of aviation accidents/incidents in order to facilitate strategies and maintain statistics on aviation safety.

Dated: March 31, 2006.

Candi Bing,

Acting Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond

to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* Billing Instructions for NRC Cost Type Contracts.

3. *The form number if applicable:* N/A.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Monthly and on occasion.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* NRC Contractors.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 2,140.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 55.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,070 hours (754 hours billing and 316 hours, License Fee Recovery Cost).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* N/A.

10. *Abstract:* In administering its contracts, the NRC Division of Contracts provides billing instructions for its contractors to follow in preparing invoices. These instructions stipulate the level of detail in which supporting data must be submitted for NRC review. The review of this information ensures that all payments made by NRC for valid and reasonable costs are in accordance with the contract terms and conditions.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by May 8, 2006. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

John A. Asalone, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0109), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be e-mailed to John_A_Asalone@omb.eop.gov or submitted by telephone at (202) 395-4650.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of March, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC recently has submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 7, "Application for NRC Export/Import License, Amendment, or Renewal," formerly, "Application for License to Export Nuclear Equipment and Material."

3. *The form number if application:* NRC Form 7.

4. *How often is the collection required:* On occasion; for each separate export, import, amendment, or renewal license application, and for exports of incidental radioactive material using existing general licenses.

5. *Who is required or asked to report:* Any person in the U.S. who wishes to export or import (a) Nuclear material and equipment subject to the requirements of a specific license; (b) amend a license; (c) renew a license, and (d) for notification of incidental radioactive material exports that are contaminants of shipments of more than 100 kilograms of non-waste material using existing NRC general licenses.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 319.

7. *The number of annual respondents:* 319.

8. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 788 hours (2.4 hours per response).