

(OWCD), is to prepare an applied public health workforce through training and service. Professionals in public health, epidemiology, medicine, economics, information science, veterinary medicine, nursing, public policy and other related professions seek opportunities to broaden their knowledge and skills to improve the science and practice of public health. Each year CDC's professional training programs accept applications from potential candidates for review and selection.

The purpose of this project is to efficiently and effectively recruit and select qualified individuals to participate in the CDD professional training programs by collecting information through an online application management system.

This online application provides the CDD with the information necessary to

recruit qualified professionals to participate in public health professions training programs to build critical public health workforce capacity in epidemiology, preventive medicine, prevention effectiveness/health economics, public health informatics, and public health management and leadership. Further benefit from this online application is the reduction of duplicate candidate records as well as agency resources to administer and process paper records.

The application process includes the following: Submission of the responses to the questions in the online application; submission of academic transcripts, professional credentials, and letters of recommendation; a review by selected programmatic staff and expert panel members; selection of qualified candidates for interview; interview of

candidates; and selection of trainees for programs.

The online application questions ask for demographic data, academic history, professional experience, references and description of professional goals. The application questions and data collected are necessary to the application process to determine programmatic eligibility and to ensure that the most highly qualified candidates are chosen for the training programs.

With the exception of their time, the cost to the candidates is minor. One expense depends on their academic institutions since they must obtain and submit all their academic transcripts. Another expense depends on the cost to obtain and submit other professional credentials including professional licenses and certifications. The final expense is the cost to submit letters of recommendation.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Average burden per response	Total burden (in hours)
Fellowship and Training Candidates	600	1	1	600

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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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 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. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Surveillance of HIV/AIDS Related Events Among Persons Not Receiving Care—New—National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CDC is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to interview 1,000 randomly selected HIV-infected persons in the United States who are not receiving care to determine: (1) Their reasons for not being in care; (2) information about any barriers to receiving care; and (3) their

clinical status (*i.e.*, CD4, HIV viral load levels and drug resistance). There are approximately 1 million HIV-infected persons in the United States. Of these, an estimated 75 percent know they are infected, but approximately half of those who know they are infected do not have evidence of having received any medical care for their HIV infection.

For this proposed data collection, areas participating in CDC's Morbidity Monitoring Project (MMP) will identify HIV-infected people using their state's HIV/AIDS surveillance and supplemental laboratory databases. Once HIV-infected people who are not in care are identified, a structured interview will be conducted. The target number of structured interviews is 500. Qualitative interviews will be conducted with the first 75 persons who agree to a second interview. The information to be collected includes demographic data, HIV testing history, high-risk drug use and sexual behaviors, and reasons for not using health care and treatment.

Results from this study will be used in conjunction with data from the MMP to determine the extent of medical services and resources needed for persons who are infected with HIV, but who have not received medical care and treatment. Additionally, new data related to those not receiving care will be used to design effective interventions

for linking persons to care. Participation in the data collection is voluntary and there is no cost to respondents to participate in the survey other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Types of data collection	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Structured Interview	500	1	30/60	250
Qualitative Interview	75	1	1	75
Total				325

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Outcomes Data Collection of the National Prevention Information Network—New—National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) proposes a survey data collection to assess the CDC National Prevention Information Network's (NPIN) Web site, products and services. The CDC NPIN serves as the U.S. reference, referral, and distribution service for information on HIV/AIDS, STDs, TB and viral Hepatitis. Products and services offered by the CDC NPIN Web site is the primary channel used by the CDC to provide information concerning prevention, treatment, and care of HIV, STD, TB, and viral Hepatitis to its prevention partners, stakeholders, and other constituents.

The CDC NPIN Web site includes several searchable databases that can be used to locate information about testing centers, funding opportunities, upcoming conferences, educational materials, and news. The Web site is a widely used service by the public, with more than 24 million hits and 2 million visits recorded annually. Following enhancements to the Web site completed in February 2006, 5,214,286 hits have already been recorded from February to May 2006. In addition to the Web site, consumers can access information and order materials and resources by phone using the NPIN toll-free reference and referral line or electronic mail system. As of June 29, 2006, 82,599 organizations have ordered materials and resources using this system. Cumulatively, over 49,209 requests for materials have been logged

and 3,846,890 materials have been ordered by the public.

The primary purposes of the proposed data collection are to assess CDC NPIN users' satisfaction and perceived quality with the Web site, products, and services; determine the extent to which the users' needs are being met; and identify how the Web site, products, and services can be enhanced to meet the needs of the user. Specifically, the evaluation will examine (1) perceived quality, (2) user expectations, satisfaction, and trust, (3) frequency of use, and (4) other sources of information used related to the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS, STDs, TB, and viral Hepatitis.

The evaluation will be accomplished by survey data collection from users of the CDC NPIN Web site and users of CDC NPIN products and services. The first survey will be conducted annually with a random sample of CDC NPIN Web site users. Users that visit the CDC NPIN Web site for 2 or more minutes will be prompted to complete and submit the survey online. The second survey will be conducted online bi-annually with a random sample of users of CDC NPIN products and services, stratified by type of organization. Organizations that do not have access to the Internet will have the option to complete the survey via electronic mail or will be administered the survey by phone.

Respondents include representatives from government agencies, community-based organizations, advocacy organizations, and various other organizations involved in the prevention and/or treatment of HIV/AIDS, STDs, TB, and/or viral Hepatitis. An OMB Clearance determination was conducted prior to preparing this package.

The estimated annualized burden is provided in the following table. To assess the average burden per response for the data collection, a pilot test was conducted with no more than 9 participants for each survey. As