

In addition, the Government will evaluate carefully whether to enter into a partnership with an entity that would be deemed a "prohibited source" under the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, and may choose to deny a partnership with a "prohibited source." A prohibited source has been defined in 5 CFR 2635.203(d) as any person or entity that (1) is seeking official action by the agency planning the event, (2) does business or seeks to do business with that agency, (3) conducts activities regulated by that agency, (4) has interests that may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the official duties of an employee of that agency; or (5) is an organization the majority of whose members are described in (1)-(4) above. While partnerships with "prohibited sources" are not necessarily prohibited, the Government must weigh the importance of working with a given "prohibited source" against the appearance of a conflict of interest before that source may be accepted as a partner.

Neither this notice nor actions pursuant thereto create a property right or right of any kind in any natural or artificial person requesting partnership. DHHS has the unilateral right to refuse to enter into a partnership arrangement with any entity, and the exercise of this right is solely within the discretion of DHHS.

Other Information

Prior to the selection of the partners, DHHS staff involved in the Initiative will meet separately with those interested parties who best meet the evaluation criteria. In those situations where the Food and Drug Administration regulates the labeling of products manufactured by the partners, the inclusion of Initiative information on such products will be subject to FDA review and may require agency authorization, depending on how and the context in which the information is to be used. Further, as a general rule, restrictions will apply to the use of Initiative indicia so as to avoid suggestions that DHHS, or any other department or agency of the Federal Government, endorses any of the products involved in the Initiative. Once details of the program have been mutually agreed upon, partners will be required to enter into a partnership agreement with DHHS setting forth the rights and responsibilities of the partner and DHHS.

Dated: September 11, 1998.

Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

Program Exclusions: August 1998

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of August 1998, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set forth below. When an exclusion is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal Health Care programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party. Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

Subject city, state	Effective date
PROGRAM-RELATED CONVICTIONS	
Aginsky, Roman	9/20/1998
Lido Beach, NY	
Alegre, Santiago	9/20/1998
Hialeah, FL	
Anderson, Patricia White	9/20/1998
Decatur, GA	
Ayzenshtat, Zoya	9/20/1998
Merrick, NY	
Bullard, Carol	9/20/1998
Decatur, GA	
Bullard, Lester	9/20/1998
Decatur, GA	
Crowley, Rebecca R	9/20/1998
Batesville, MS	
Crown Ostomy, Inc	9/20/1998
Sunrise, FL	
Cummings, Robert	9/20/1998
Rumford, RI	
Disante, Anthony F	9/20/1998
Coraopolis, PA	
Donlin, Dennis L	9/20/1998
Clairton, PA	
Donski, Valeri	9/20/1998
Brooklyn, NY	
Doval, Ana Maria	9/20/1998
Subject city, state	Effective date
Miami, FL	
Fernandez, Jorge	9/20/1998
Miami, FL	
Gomez, Zoraida	9/20/1998
Hialeah, FL	
Hayes, McCoy, Jr	9/20/1998
Goldsboro, NC	
Hernandez, Gabriel	9/20/1998
Miami, FL	
Jones, Randy	9/20/1998
El Reno, OK	
Keenan, Michelle	9/20/1998
East Ryegate, VT	
Kobashigawa, Ted Hajime	9/20/1998
Sacramento, CA	
Lawrence, Irving Jack	9/20/1998
Conyers, GA	
Lawrence, Renee D	9/20/1998
Conyers, GA	
Lombardo, Edward P	9/20/1998
Milan, MI	
Lynn, Bambi	9/20/1998
Goffstown, NH	
Maxwell, Harold Marion	9/20/1998
Missoula, MT	
McKeller, Annie Alston	9/20/1998
Nashville, NC	
Medi Sheild, Inc	12/17/1997
Tamarac, FL	
Melvin-Hodge, Fayanna L	9/20/1998
Baltimore, MD	
Miner, Ernest Carlton	9/20/1998
Seattle, WA	
Morisset, Joan V	9/20/1998
Amherst, NY	
Morton, Sallie Jones	9/20/1998
Phenix, VA	
Peck, Kathryn Marie	9/20/1998
Fort Collins, CO	
Penate, Orlando	9/20/1998
Davie, FL	
Peterson, Sandra Marie	9/20/1998
Georgetown, CO	
Polonio, Oscar Jose	9/20/1998
Mesquite, TX	
Reyderman, Georgy	9/20/1998
Brooklyn, NY	
Robbins, Robert Paul	9/20/1998
Las Vegas, NV	
Sadigh, Ahmad	9/20/1998
Staten Island, NY	
Santiesteban, Wenceslao	9/20/1998
Hialeah, FL	
Slaughter, Juanita	9/20/1998
Portsmouth, VA	
Smith, Sharon Joy Harper	9/20/1998
LaGrange, NC	
Torres, Jaime Gotay	12/31/1997
Bayamo, PR	
Torres, Manuel Gotay	12/31/1997
Toa Baja, PR	
Tserlyuk, Yekaterina	9/20/1998
Staten Island, NY	
White, Deborah Williams	9/20/1998
Decatur, GA	
White, Horace Lee	9/20/1998
Decatur, GA	
Yanes, Mario	9/20/1998
Hialeah, FL	
Yanes, Zoraida	9/20/1998

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Hialeah, FL		Middletown, NY		Haysville, KS	
FELONY CONVICTION FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD		Brooks, Delroy Courtney	9/20/1998	Jefferies, Thomas	9/20/1998
		Orange, NJ		Catlin, IL	
		Brown, Wayne J	9/20/1998	Jones, Nancy Ellen Gooch	9/20/1998
		Los Angeles, CA		Westfield, IN	
Dillon, David Andrew	9/20/1998	Cameron, Anne	9/20/1998	Kirbans, Drew Joseph	9/20/1998
Phoenix, AZ		Merrimack, NH		Aurora, CO	
PATIENT ABUSE/NEGLECT CONVICTIONS		Cantara, Anthony M	9/20/1998	Kirkton, Mary	9/20/1998
		Allenstown, NH		Minonk, IL	
Adkins, Melicia Michelle	9/20/1998	Chu, Eric Chun	9/20/1998	Klutchko, Bruce Stewart	9/20/1998
Fort Worth, TX		East Meadow, NY		New York, NY	
Budhiraja, Sudesh Kumar	9/20/1998	Connell, Paul A P	9/20/1998	Ladra, William	9/20/1998
Framingham, MA		Tucker, GA		Jacksonville, FL	
Dargans, Nedra Lois	9/20/1998	Cook, Karen E	9/20/1998	Larkins, Robert	9/20/1998
Tulsa, OK		Worthington, MN		Rego Park, NY	
Fason, Carey Lynne	9/20/1998	Corliss, Steven	9/20/1998	Larson, Sandi Queck	9/20/1998
Scotland, AR		Bristol, CT		Springdale, PA	
Garner, Diana	9/20/1998	Cromer, Robert Wayne	9/20/1998	Ledingham, Jeanne Crase	9/20/1998
Canton, MS		Richmond, VA		Redlands, CA	
Grant, Darnell	9/20/1998	Donovan, John V	9/20/1998	Lemke, Larry J	9/20/1998
Moncks Corner, SC		Scarsdale, NY		Minneapolis, MN	
Johnson, Jacob, Jr	9/20/1998	Doty, John R	9/20/1998	Lennon, Susan Wagner	9/20/1998
Columbia, SC		St. Paul, MN		Rochester, NY	
Lievsay, James Harold	9/20/1998	Douglas, Howard Thomas, III ..	9/20/1998	Leritz, Arthur F	9/20/1998
Cedarville, AR		Hurst, TX		Spokane, WA	
Lynch, Nancy T	9/20/1998	Driver, Suzanne	9/20/1998	Mason, Kenneth P	9/20/1998
Morrisville, VT		San Francisco, CA		Hancock, NY	
Meade, Ruth K	9/20/1998	Ebert, Delores M	9/20/1998	McGivney, Marita	9/20/1998
Enid, OK		Hibbing, MN		Tinley Park, IL	
Moore, Maggie	9/20/1998	Edwardson, Donald	9/20/1998	McLaughlin, Mary C	9/20/1998
Jackson, MS		Meriden, CT		Two Harbors, MN	
Obeahon, Alexander Coleridge	9/20/1998	Ettress, Gail A	9/20/1998	McNeely, Denise Joanne	9/20/1998
Baltimore, MD		Springfield, IL		Las Vegas, NV	
Robertson, Pamela Jean	9/20/1998	Farley, Maureen C	9/20/1998	Merjianian, Marsha E	9/20/1998
Whiteville, TN		Janesville, MN		St Paul, MN	
Rogers, Joseph Lee	9/20/1998	Fisher, Billy W., Jr	9/20/1998	Merritt, Pamela Lorene	9/20/1998
Holdenville, OK		Charlottesville, VA		El Cajon, CA	
Simpson, Thelma A	9/20/1998	Floyd-Dade, Cassandra	9/20/1998	Miller, Elaine P	9/20/1998
New Orleans, LA		Meadville, MS		Cortland, NY	
Turley, Glenn P	9/20/1998	Franks, Cynthia Jo	9/20/1998	Mogilevsky, Semyon	9/20/1998
Barre, VT		San Dimas, CA		Chicago, IL	
Turner, Tanya Denise	9/20/1998	Freedland, Yosef	9/20/1998	Montgomery, Robert	9/20/1998
Marianna, AR		Los Angeles, CA		Leesburg, FL	
Wilcox, Benny	9/20/1998	Gain, John Joseph	9/20/1998	Morgala, Theresa	9/20/1998
De Queen, AR		Kenneth Square, PA		Des Plaines, IL	
CONVICTION FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD		Ganti, Shashi	9/20/1998	Morgan, Alan J	9/20/1998
		Edison, NJ		Minneapolis, MN	
		Gilbert, Rosemarie C	9/20/1998	Murray, John Robert G	9/20/1998
		Moundsview, MN		El Cajon, CA	
Provost, Angie Vonciel	9/20/1998	Goldberg, Steven M	9/20/1998	Morton, Robert Oliver	9/20/1998
New Orleans, LA		Chatsworth, CA		Duncan, OK	
Saberi, Merdad	9/20/1998	Golub, Mark A	9/20/1998	Newgren, Gregory D	9/20/1998
Lowell, MA		Newport News, VA		St Paul, MN	
Walitalo, Darleen V	9/20/1998	Goodnuff, Jeffrey L	9/20/1998	Norvelle, Robert Earl	9/20/1998
Escanaba, MI		Edina, MN		Bridgewater, VA	
LICENSE REVOCATION/SUSPENSION/ SURRENDERED		Hagan, Marianne M	9/20/1998	Oehlecker, Donald G	9/20/1998
		Pennsauken, NJ		Wichita, KS	
		Harris, Diane L	9/20/1998	Otero, Kristin M	9/20/1998
		Washington, DC		St Paul, MN	
Abrahamson, Kip L	9/20/1998	Heaney, Howard F	9/20/1998	Patel, Mukund Kanu	9/20/1998
Brooklyn Center, MN		White Bear Lake, MN		Columbus, MS	
Alfano, Constance	9/20/1998	Hendrick, William	9/20/1998	Perkins, Lamont	9/20/1998
Ridgewood, NJ		Riverside, CA		Chicago, IL	
Anast, Deborah	9/20/1998	Herhusky, Vaughn	9/20/1998	Peterson, Roberta J	9/20/1998
Winthrop Harbor, IL		Virginia, MN		Moundsview, MN	
Andersen, Alfred N	9/20/1998	Hilgreen, Marianne J	9/20/1998	Piccola, Cindee L	9/20/1998
Pleasantville, NY		Westbury, NY		Chatham, NY	
Barker, Christopher B	9/20/1998	Hodgkiss, Nancy A	9/20/1998	Piscitello, Kathryn	9/20/1998
Christiansburg, VA		Lewiston, ME		Branford, CT	
Baumgartner, Frank M	9/20/1998	Howard, Theodora	9/20/1998	Pitt, Cheryl L	9/20/1998
Skippack, PA		Richmond, VA		Reston, VA	
Brickey, Harold Leon Jr	9/20/1998	Hurley, Linda	9/20/1998	Redondo-Malamud, Yasmin B ..	9/20/1998
Wise, VA		Oak Lawn, IL		Silver Spring, MD	
Brisotti, Lorraine C	9/20/1998	Jamieson, Austin L	9/20/1998	Rosen, Raymond	9/20/1998

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Long Beach, CA		Miami, FL		Mohnton, PA	
Roubik, Karen M	9/20/1998	Norton Chiropractic Center	9/20/1998	Marcos, Emad R	9/20/1998
Noblesville, IN		Augusta, ME		Waldwick, NJ	
Rutland, William	9/20/1998	Save Medical Service Corp	9/20/1998	McCluskey, Larose M	9/20/1998
Mounds, IL		Miami, FL		Othello, WA	
Sarieva, Zoika	9/20/1998	South Pacific Medical Services	9/20/1998	McDonald, Allan D	9/20/1998
Los Angeles, CA		Miami, FL		Frostburg, MD	
Shinkoskey, Almon C	9/20/1998	Universal Medical, Inc	9/20/1998	McFarland, Lucinda Grace	9/20/1998
Seattle, WA		Miami, FL		Los Angeles, CA	
Silacci, Susan Woodard	9/20/1998	DEFAULT ON HEAL LOAN		Milligan, Michael R	9/20/1998
Salinas, CA				Kansas City, KS	
St Germain, Shirley Jean	9/20/1998	Adams, Stephen	9/20/1998	Morgan, Charles Timothy	9/20/1998
Minneapolis, MN		League City, TX		Perryville, MO	
Stankovic, Marjan Mladen	9/20/1998	Andrews, Jon Eric	9/20/1998	Preston, Michael R	9/20/1998
Monroe, WA		Tulsa, OK		Hagerhill, KY	
Sterling, Jessie R	9/20/1998	Bonin, Mark Todd	9/20/1998	Richard, John R	9/20/1998
Frankfort, NY		Spring, TX		Brooklyn, NY	
Taylor, Lisa Gay	9/20/1998	Brown, Wiley J	9/20/1998	Sales, Myrna	9/20/1998
Victorville, CA		Los Angeles, CA		Blooming Glen, PA	
Teich, Thomas	9/20/1998	Carrie, Thomas T	9/20/1998	Shaffer, Steven E	9/20/1998
Chicago, IL		Mount Vernon, NY		Garden Grove, CA	
Thompson, Sally Randolph	9/20/1998	Chapple, Steven Allen	9/20/1998	Shirzad, Mehdi	9/20/1998
Norfolk, VA		Ontario, CA		Gilroy, CA	
Tsai, Chinfong	9/20/1998	Chimento, Samuel Vincent	9/20/1998	Sills, Timothy J	9/20/1998
Zion, IL		Simi Valley, CA		Old Monroe, MO	
Van Gieson, George H	9/20/1998	Eftekhari, Abbas	9/20/1998	Smiley, Karen J	9/20/1998
Hilo, HI		Alta Loma, CA		Chattanooga, TN	
Vandeventer, Phyleta	9/20/1998	Enrico, Anthony J., Jr	9/20/1998	Smith, Benjamin F	9/20/1998
Lincoln, IL		Wayne, NJ		Albany, GA	
Vugrincic, Ched	9/20/1998	Flemming, Daniel B	9/20/1998	Sottile, Danielle N	9/20/1998
Saint Charles, IL		Colorado Spngs, CO		Tehachapi, CA	
Weaver, Thomas G	9/20/1998	Gallardo, Guillermo G	9/20/1998	Stock-Day, Lori Ruth	9/20/1998
St Cloud, MN		Jackson Hgts, NY		Belton, MO	
Williams, Noel Alton	9/20/1998	Germann, Thomas A	9/20/1998	Stockwell, Gayle A	9/20/1998
Walnut Creek, CA		Ilion NY		Lake Havasu City, AZ	
Winchester-Grant, Michelle	9/20/1998	Giles, Clarence R	9/20/1998	Stone (Needham), Heidi L	9/20/1998
Enfield, NH		El Paso, TX		Plano, TX	
Zwartkruis, Marjoleine J	9/20/1998	Glusman, Steven P	9/20/1998	Strickland, Christopher O	9/20/1998
Walnut Creek, CA		Beaverton, OR		Weatherford, TX	
FEDERAL/STATE EXCLUSION/ SUSPENSION		Gold, Robert S	9/20/1998	Sulkowski, Edmund A	9/20/1998
		Atlanta, GA		Venetia, PA	
Metro Health Care Services Inc	9/20/1998	Goldsticker, Ralph D	9/20/1998	Taylor, Thomas R	9/20/1998
New York, NY		Norfolk, VA		Kansas City, MO	
FRAUD/KICKBACKS		Gomes, John Laurence	9/20/1998	Taylor, Rodger E	9/20/1998
		Garden City, NY		E Wenatchee, WA	
Marcus, Steven E	6/08/1998	Harding, Patricia A	9/20/1998	Tomlinson, Alison K	9/20/1998
King of Prussia, PA		Delaware, OH		N Miami Beach, FL	
Victory Medical Supplies, Inc ...	12/17/1997	Hazelwood, Harry, III	9/20/1998	Toporovsky, Nathan A	9/20/1998
Goose Creek, SC		Lauderhill, FL		White Plains, NY	
Victory Medical, Inc	12/17/1997	Henry, Guy	9/20/1998	Tran, Nga V	9/20/1998
Columbia, IL		Plainsboro, NJ		Santa Ana, CA	
OWNED/CONTROLLED BY CONVICTED/ EXCLUDED		Henry, Judith L	9/20/1998	Tran, Ngoc H	9/20/1998
		Spring Valley, CA		Simi Valley, CA	
Apollo Medical Equipment, Inc	9/20/1998	Hoot, Steven P	9/20/1998	Trumbo, Traig T	9/20/1998
Miami, FL		Santa Cruz, CA		Sunland, CA	
Boufford Chiropractic Offices	9/20/1998	Hove, Richard Cameron	9/20/1998	Uske, Eugene J	9/20/1998
Salem, MA		Tucson, AZ		Staten Island, NY	
Capital Medical Supplies, Corp	9/20/1998	Hungerford, Regina Kathryn	9/20/1998	Velazquez, Ezekiel A	9/20/1998
Miami, FL		Hayward, CA		Orlando, FL	
Correa Supply, Corporation	9/20/1998	Jackson, Garland C., Jr	9/20/1998	Weisheit (Dasylda), Lyn D	9/20/1998
Miami, FL		Woodbridge, CT		Marietta, GA	
Darlene Medical Corp	9/20/1998	Johansen, Kelly S	9/20/1998	Wright, Letitia S	9/20/1998
Miami, FL		Devils Lake, ND		Rancho Cucamonga, CA	
Gieger Transfer Service, Inc	9/20/1998	Jones, Roger A	9/20/1998	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	
Montgomery, AL		Pine Bluff, AR		Inejjikian, Jirair A	1/30/1998
Hickory Plaza Pharmacy	9/20/1998	Knight, Ronald R	9/20/1998	Shelby, NC	
Columbia, MD		Portland, OR		Rubio, Charles	4/21/1998
Imperial Medical & Rental, Inc	9/20/1998	Kuklinski, Edward A	9/20/1998	Auburn, AL	
		New York, NY			
		Ledferd, Gregory A	9/20/1998		
		Portland, OR			
		Malak, Timothy M	9/20/1998		

Dated: September 2, 1998.

Joanne Lanahan,

*Director, Health Care Administrative
Sanctions, Office of Inspector General.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collections Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The collection of information described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of the specific information collection requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address provided below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before November 16, 1998. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by the above referenced date.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be sent to Rebecca Mullin, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ms 860-ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Rebecca A. Mullin at 703/358-2287, or electronically to rmullin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). On Monday, August 24, 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) was given emergency approval

by OMB for collection of information in order to continue the grants programs conducted under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-233, as amended; December 13, 1989). The assigned OMB information collection control number is 1018-0100, and temporary approval expires in February 1999. The Service is requesting a three year term of approval for this information collection activity. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (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 respondents.

Title: Information Collection In Support of Grant Programs Authorized by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 (NAWCA).

Approval Number: 1018-0100.

Service Form Number(s): N/A.

Description and Use: The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP), first signed in 1986, is a tripartite agreement among Canada, Mexico and the United States to enhance, restore and otherwise protect continental wetlands to benefit waterfowl and other wetland associated wildlife through partnerships between and among the private and public sectors. Because the 1986 NAWMP did not carry with it a mechanism to provide for broadly-based and sustained financial support for wetland conservation activities, Congress passed and the President signed into law the NAWCA to fill that funding need. The purpose of NAWCA, as amended, is to promote long-term conservation of North American wetland ecosystems and the waterfowl and other migratory birds, fish and wildlife that depend upon such habitat through partnerships. Principal conservation actions supported by NAWCA are acquisition, enhancement and restoration of wetlands and wetlands-associated habitat.

As well as providing for a continuing and stable funding base, NAWCA establishes an administrative body, made up of a State representative from each of the four Flyways, three representatives from wetlands

conservation organizations, the Secretary of the Board of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Director of the Service. This administrative body is chartered, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, by the U.S. Department of the Interior as the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council). As such, the purpose of the Council is to recommend wetlands conservation project proposals to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) for funding.

Subsection (c) of Section 5 (Council Procedures) Provides that the " * * * Council shall establish practices and procedures for the carrying out of its functions under subsections (a) and (b) of this section * * *," which are consideration of projects and recommendations to the MBCC, respectively. The means by which the Council decides which project proposals are important to recommend to the MBCC is through grants programs that are coordinated through the Council Coordinator's office (NAWWO) within the Service.

Competing for grant funds involves applications from partnerships that describe in substantial detail project locations and other characteristics, to meet the standards established by the Council and the requirements of NAWCA. The Council Coordinator's office publishes and distributes Standard and Small Grants instructional booklets that assist the applicants in formulating project proposals for Council consideration. The instructional booklets and other instruments, e.g., **Federal Register** notices on request for proposals, are the basis for this information collection request for OMB clearance. Information collected under this program is used to respond to such needs as: audits, program planning and management, program evaluation, Government Performance and Results Act reporting, Standard Form 424 (Application For Federal Assistance), grant agreements, budget reports and justifications, public and private requests for information, data provided to other programs for databases on similar programs, Congressional inquiries and reports required by NAWCA, etc.

In summary, information collection under these programs is required to obtain a benefit, i.e., a cash reimbursable grant that is given competitively to some applicants based on eligibility and relative scale of resource values involved in the projects. The information collection is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for such activity, which