The second day of the meeting will be conducted in two parts. The first part will be a hearing in which the Subcommittee will gather information about the effects of the regulation on schools. The Subcommittee will invite representatives of affected groups to provide information about how the regulation has affected the level of privacy and confidentiality for protected health information, best practices for implementation of the regulation, and information that might help to identify and resolve barriers to compliance. The second part will consist of Subcommittee discussion of the testimony it has heard and deliberations about possible recommendations to the Secretary.

Persons wishing to submit written testimony only (which should not exceed five double-spaced typewritten pages) should endeavor to submit it by that date. Unfilled slots for oral testimony will also be filled on the days of the meeting as time permits. Please consult Ms. Squire for further information about these arrangements.

Additional information about the hearing will be provide on the NCVHS Web site at *http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov* shortly before the hearing date.

Contact person for more information: Information about the content of the hearing and matters to be considered may be obtained from Kathleen H. Fyffe, Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 440D Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 690–7152, e-mail *Kathleen.Fyffe@hhs.gov* or from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 2413, Presidential Building IV, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458–4245.

Information about the committee, including summaries of past meetings and a roster of committee members, is available on the Committee's Web site at *http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov.*

Dated: January 28, 2004.

James Scanlon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Data Policy, OASPE.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498–1210.

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. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–E11, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Development of an Assistive Technology and Environmental Assessment Instrument for National Surveys—New—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Recent federal policy initiatives have targeted the removal of environmental barriers and increased access to assistive and universally designed technologies in order to increase participation in major life activities by persons of all ages with disabilities. Yet, few statistics are available to quantify the potential demand for assistive technologies and no criteria exist to evaluate the potential impact of broadened access.

CDC is seeking OMB approval to cognitively test and pilot a survey instrument that collects information on disabled persons' access to, and use of, assistive technologies and environmental modifications that can be implemented in national health surveys. This information will help policy makers and scientists understand the interface among disability, assistive devices, and environmental modifications. Through a cooperative agreement with the National Institute on Aging, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation has funded researchers at the Polisher Research Institute and Johns Hopkins University to develop the new measures to be tested. The testing will be conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics with funding from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services.

Approximately 300 interviews will be conducted with adults with disabilities living in the community. These interviews will be 45 minutes in length. To the extent possible, different modes of administration will be utilized (*e.g.* in-person, telephone, or mixed) and racially diverse samples of persons with disabilities in both rural and urban settings will be selected to maximize the sensitivity of the instrument across diverse populations. There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondents	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Adult with Disabilities	300	1	45/60	225
Total				225

Dated: January 27, 2004.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Career Survey of Biomedical Researchers Receiving Loan Repayment Benefits

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Loan of Loan Repayment and Scholarship (OLRS), National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on July 17, 2002, pages 46994–46995, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The NIH may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995 unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection

Title: Career Survey of Biomedical Researchers.

Type of Information Collection Request: NEW.

Need and Use of Information Collection: This survey is part of a comprehensive evaluation of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Loan Repayment Program (LRP), the purpose of which is to evaluate the success of the LRP in raising the probability that a qualified scientist will stay in the intramural research program and pursue a long-term career as a biomedical researcher. The survey will document the actual career outcomes of current and former LRP participants and comparable non-participants. Such information will be used to gauge whether the program is meeting the expectations of program managers and how the program could be improved in the future. It will be used to address the outcome and impact study questions related to short and long-term retention, both at NIH and in research generally.

In addition to informing OLRS about the effectiveness of the program, the results of the LRP evaluation will become the basis for recommendations on how the program could be modified to improve outcomes. Indeed, some of the findings may be useful to the Office of the Director in terms of human resources policy and NIH policy generally. Also, the information collection will help our nation's leaders in setting policies to ensure a solid infrastructure for biomedical research. Encouraging the nation's brightest minds to pursue careers in biomedical research, both in public service such as NIH and in private laboratories, is critical to this effort.

Frequency of Responses: One time data collection.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Type of Respondents: Current and former NIH biomedical researchers. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at $11,110. There are no Capital Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Response per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
LRP Program Participant	300	1	.33	99
Comparison Group	450	1	.33	149
Total	750	1	.33	248

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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) 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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, shall be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Marc S. Horowitz, J.D., Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Room 206, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892 or call non-toll-free number 301–402–5666 or e-mail your request, including your address, to *lrp@nih.gov* or access the Loan Repayment Programs on the Internet at *http://www.lrp.nih.gov.*

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: January 28, 2004.

Raynard S. Kington,

Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections