

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Credit Union
Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The NCUA intends to submit the following information collection 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). This information collection is related to NCUA's Chartering and Field of Membership Manual (Chartering Manual) and is being published to obtain comments from the public. The Chartering Manual establishes requirements for organizing and amending a federal credit union (FCU) charter and field of membership (FOM). **DATES:** Comments will be accepted until October 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the NCUA Contact and OMB Reviewer listed below:

NCUA Contact: Tracy Crews, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314–3428, Fax No. 703–837–2861, Email: OCIOPRA@ncua.gov.

OMB Contact: Office of Management and Budget, ATTN: Desk Officer for the National Credit Union Administration, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information, a copy of the information collection request, or a copy of submitted comments should be directed to Tracy Crews, NCUA, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314–3428, or at (703) 518–6444. Requests for additional information about the Chartering Manual should be directed to Susan Ryan, NCUA Consumer Access Analyst, at the same address, in the NCUA Office of Consumer Protection, Division of Consumer Access, (703) 518–1150, DCAMail@NCUA.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract and Request for Comments

The FCU Act establishes the rules for FCU chartering and field of membership. 12 U.S.C. 1753(5), 1754, 1759. The NCUA Board, after consideration of public comment,

incorporated the Chartering Manual into NCUA's regulations at 12 CFR 701.1, and Appendix B to part 701, in 2008. 73 FR 73392, Dec. 2, 2008. NCUA most recently issued for public comment and amended the Chartering Manual in 2013. 78 FR 13460, Feb. 28, 2013.

NCUA is issuing this notice and request for comment on the reinstatement and amendment of the previously approved information collection related to the Chartering Manual, 3133–0015. Staff has incorporated into this collection other previously proposed, expired or combined information collections also related to the Chartering Manual, including 3133–0116 and 3133–0178. The collections are not new and the estimated amount of burden hours is based on NCUA's experience with this regulation and the current number of CUs. The amount is generally decreasing as a result of technology and the continuing trend of annual decreases in the number of CUs.

NCUA staff reviewed each of the four chapters and appendices of the Chartering Manual to identify all current information collection requirements. The four chapters are: FCU Chartering; Field of Membership Requirements for FCUs; Low-Income CUs and CUs Serving Underserved Areas; and Charter Conversions; as well as related appendices. NCUA uses the information it collects pursuant to the Chartering Manual to regulate CUs' compliance with the FCU Act and NCUA regulations and to protect the safety and soundness of CUs and the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.

As a preliminary matter, those persons choosing to organize a new FCU must comply with certain information collection requirements upon starting the FCU outlined in this Chartering Manual. Over the past three years, organizers have established an average of approximately two new FCUs each year. We estimate each new FCU must spend approximately 160 hours to initially comply with the Chartering Manual's information collection requirements (ICR), for a total annual collection of 320 hours.

For current FCUs, NCUA staff also reviewed each chapter and appendices to the Chartering Manual to estimate current annual burden hours for CUs attached to each ICR. We have listed these estimates below in the Data section.

NCUA does not believe that CUs will incur any additional labor costs as a result of the Chartering Manual requirements since these are in accordance with the CUs' usual and

customary business practices. The Chartering Manual addresses integral parts of a CU's operation as a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative. Since a CU could not operate as a chartered and insured credit union without complying with these collections, there is no additional labor cost burden.

The NCUA requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the addresses section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of NCUA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of any methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. It is NCUA's policy to make all comments available to the public for review.

II. Data

Title: NCUA Chartering and Field of Membership Manual, 12 CFR 701.1, and App. B to Part 701.

OMB Number: 3133–0015.

Form Numbers: NCUA Forms 4000, 4001, 4008, 4012, 4015, 4015–EZ, 4221, 4401, 4505, 4506, 9500, 9501, 9600.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change.

Description: The NCUA Chartering and Field of Membership Manual sets forth the NCUA's current policies and procedures for granting and permitting change to a federal credit union charter.

Estimated No. of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 9,990.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping, Reporting and On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hours Requested: 15,397.5.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Specifically, NCUA Staff identified the following chapters and appendices as containing ICRs with the following number of respondents and the estimated annual burden in hours, as follows:

Chapter 1. FCU Chartering

ICRs: Business Plan for New Charters, Wording for Proposed FOM, NCUA Forms 4001, 4008, 4012, 9500, 9501.

Respondents/record-keepers: 2 per year.

Estimated annual burden: 160 hours.

Total annual hours: 320 hours
ICRs related to the Chartering Manual for All FCUs:

Chapter 2. Field of Membership Requirements for FCUs

ICR: Single Common Bond and Multiple Common Bond Amendments, NCUA Forms 4015 and 4015-EZ, and FOM Internet Application.

Respondents: 9,915.

Estimated annual burden: 30 minutes.

Total annual hours: 4,957.5.

ICR: Community Charter Conversion and Expansion Applications.

Respondents: 39.

Estimated annual burden: 160 hours.

Total annual hours: 6,240.

Chapter 3. Low-Income CUs and CUs Serving Underserved Areas

ICR: Application to Add an Underserved Area.

Respondents: 21.

Estimated annual burden: 160 hours.

Total annual hours: 3,360.

Chapter 4. Charter Conversions
ICR: NCUA Forms 4000, 4221, 4401, 4505, 4506, 9500, 9501, 9600.

Respondents/record-keepers: 13.

Estimated annual burden: 40 hours.

Total annual hours: 520.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on September 25, 2013.

Gerard Poliquin,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Arts Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that one meeting of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows (ending time is approximate):

Opera (application review): This meeting will be closed.

Dates: October 31, 2012. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of

Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; plowitzk@arts.gov, or call 202-682-5691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of February 15, 2012, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Dated: September 25, 2013.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.

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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, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 77 FR 48553, and one comment was received. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission (including comments) may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

Comments: 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; (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 H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email 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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

DATES: 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.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments: As required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), comments on the information collection activities as part of this study were solicited through publication of a 60-Day Notice in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2012, at 77 FR 48553. We received one comment, to which we here respond.

Commenter: The Center for Equal Opportunity provided the following comment:

We have a comment on this sentence in yesterday's **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 48553, August 14, 2012, NSF "Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Establish an Information Collection"): "From this knowledge, a benchmark for progress towards creating a path of equity in engineering for women, and especially for racial/ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities can be established starting with the culture of the centers."

Since the aim is a workplace environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and nondiscriminatory toward all, we suggest this sentence be rewritten as follows in this and future **Federal Register** notices of this kind: "From this knowledge, a benchmark for progress towards creating a path of