

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****National Institute of Justice****[OMB Number–1121–NEW]****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed New Information Collection Activity; Comment Request, Proposed Study Entitled “Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Sexual Violence Climate Survey Project”****AGENCY:** National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice.**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 days until August 11, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to Christine Crossland, National Institute of Justice, Office of Research and Evaluation, 810 Seventh Street NW., Washington, DC 20531 (overnight 20001) or via email at [christine.crossland@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:christine.crossland@ojp.usdoj.gov). Written comments and/or suggestions can also be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503 or sent to [OIRA\\_submissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submissions@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Modification of the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) campus climate survey; Cognitive testing; Pilot testing of modified survey.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Sexual Violence Climate Survey Project.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The applicable component within the U.S. Department of Justice is the National Institute of Justice in the Office of Justice Programs.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* In early 2014, the White House established the Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. Representatives to the Task Force were from several federal departments and agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The task force put forth a mandate to strengthen federal enforcement efforts and provide schools with additional tools to help prevent sexual violence on campuses. One such tool is the campus climate survey designed to help schools understand the magnitude and nature of sexual victimization experienced by students. As such, in 2014 OVW funded the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), within the U.S. Department of Justice, to develop and test a pilot campus climate survey. The current project builds on the work of BJS by modifying their campus climate survey for use at HBCUs.

(5) NIJ, in collaboration with the Rutgers Violence Against Women Research Consortium, will begin by engaging in cognitive testing to determine if the BJS campus climate survey is relevant to students from HBCUs. The methods for cognitive testing are based on the methods used in the BJS Validation Study. Two forms of cognitive testing will be used. First, crowdsourcing will be used to test the instrument online. Approximately 240 crowdsourced surveys will be piloted with participants who are 18–25 years old, with a high school degree and

matching the racial/ethnic demographics of HBCUs over approximately 2 months. Second, cognitive interviewing will then be used to further test the BJS campus climate survey with 30 African-American students (potentially to be recruited from the Rutgers-Newark campus). The BJS survey instrument will then be modified based on the findings from the crowdsourced surveys and cognitive interviews for use at HBCUs. Lastly, the modified BJS survey will be tested at three to six HBCUs; the survey will be offered to a random sample of 3,300 students over a period of approximately 2 months. At the end of this study, results from the survey will assist with the validation of a campus climate survey tool for HBCUs as well as information on the sexual violence rates at HBCUs.

(6) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* The estimated range of burden for respondents completing the crowdsourcing survey is 30 minutes. Approximately 240 participants will be recruited to complete the survey. The estimated range of burden for respondents participating in the cognitive interviewing is 60 minutes. Approximately 30 students will be recruited to complete a cognitive interview. Lastly, the estimated range of burden for respondents completing the HBCU campus climate survey is expected to be between 15 minutes to 30 minutes for completion. The following factors were considered when creating the burden estimate: The estimated total number of sites (3 HBCUs plus 1 cognitive testing site) and students within sites (240 for crowd sourced surveys, 30 for cognitive interviews, and 3,300 at HBCUs), in the sampling plan for a total of 3,570 expected respondents.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 1,800 hours. It is estimated that each of the 240 crowd sourced surveys will take 30 minutes to complete (240 respondents × 30 minutes = 120 hours). It is estimated that each of the cognitive interviews will take 60 minutes to complete (30 respondents × 1 hour = 30 hours). Lastly, it is estimated that each campus climate survey will take 30 minutes to complete (3,300 respondents × 30 minutes = 1,650 hours). We estimate a 24-month data collection period, with all cognitive testing completed in year 1 for an annualized burden of 150 hours and all surveys administered in year 2,

or an annualized burden of 1,650 hours for year 2.

If additional information is required contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., 3E.405A, Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Evaluation of Strategies Used in America's Promise Job Driven Grant Program Evaluation**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents is properly assessed.

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Evaluation of Strategies Used in America's Promise Job Driven Grant Program Evaluation. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before September 11, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either one of the following methods:

*Email: ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov; Mail or Courier: Megan Lizik, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Megan Lizik by email at *ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov*.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Background:* The Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) intends to design and conduct an evaluation to assess the success of the America's Promise Job Driven Grant Program (America's Promise). The goal of this project is to build knowledge about the effectiveness and implementation of the program.

The evaluation will include two components, an implementation study and an impact study. The goal of the impact evaluation is to understand how programs and strategies funded under America's Promise affect the outcomes of participants using an experimental or quasi-experimental design in a subset of three sites. The goal of the implementation evaluation is to understand program design and implementation for all 23 grantees, including more detailed focus on implementation in 12 grantees and a measurement of partnerships and systems change in six grantees.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on proposed data collection instruments that will be used in the evaluation:

\* *Grantee survey.* To understand early implementation experiences, the project will field a web-based survey to all America's Promise grantees promptly after the receipt of OMB clearance, likely in spring 2018. This survey will gather information about grantee characteristics, services and operations, partner recruitment methods, partners' characteristics, strategies for engaging

employers, employer participation by sector, and early implementation challenges.

\* *Partner network survey.* To measure partnership development and resulting systems change, the project will select up to six grantees to participate in two rounds of a web-based partner network survey with up to 25 primary partners. The survey will be fielded in spring 2018 and early 2020.

\* *Baseline information forms (BIFs).*

In sites selected for the impact study, applicants will complete a BIF prior to random assignment. The BIF will collect demographics, education history, work history, and contact information. Whenever possible, BIFs will be collected electronically through the study's web-based random assignment system (RAS).

\* *Study random assignment system (RAS).* The study RAS will be a web-based system used by program staff to enter an initial record for each applicant and initiate the baseline information form for the applicant to complete. The system will then conduct random assignment and monitor the integrity of random assignment.

\* *Text survey.* Between completion of the baseline information form and a follow-up survey (which will be included in a future information request), the evaluation will use texting to ask a short series of questions of study participants who were part of random assignment. Questions will include employment status, hours worked in the current week, if any training has recently been completed or is ongoing, and satisfaction with a training program or activity that was recently completed by participants at that site.

A future information collection request will include site visit and telephone interview protocols as well as a follow-up survey of members of the treatment and control groups.

#### *II. Desired Focus of Comments:*

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the Evaluation of Strategies Used in the America's Promise Job Driven Grant Program Evaluation. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

\* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;