

Agency: DOL–VETS.
Title of Collection: Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report.
OMB Control Number: 1293–0005.
Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.
Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,000.
Total Estimated Number of Responses: 378,000.
Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 129,200 hours.
Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$1,298.
Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).
 Dated: November 28, 2017.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests: 2019–2021 IMLS Grant Application Forms

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments, collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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. This pre-clearance consultation 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 can be properly assessed. By this notice, IMLS is soliciting comments concerning the three year approval of the forms necessary to submit an application for all IMLS grant programs.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

addressee section below on or before January 30, 2018.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- 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 agency's 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 submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Dr. Sandra Webb, Senior Advisor, Office of the Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW., Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024–2135. Dr. Webb can be reached by Telephone: 202–653–4718 Fax: 202–653–4608, or by email at swebb@imls.gov, or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202–653–4614.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Sandra Webb, Senior Advisor, Office of the Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW., Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024–2135. Dr. Webb can be reached by Telephone: 202–653–4718 Fax: 202–653–4608, or by email at swebb@imls.gov, or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202–653–4614.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's approximately 120,000 libraries and 35,000 museums and related organizations. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

II. Current Actions

To administer the IMLS processes of grants and cooperative agreements,

IMLS uses standardized application forms, guidelines and reporting forms for eligible libraries, museums, and other organizations to apply for its funding. These forms submitted for public review in this Notice are the Program Information Sheet, the Budget Form spreadsheet, and the Digital Product Form. This collection of information from these forms are a part of the IMLS grant application process.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Grant Application Forms.

OMB Number: 3137–0092.

Frequency: Twenty times per year.

Affected Public: Library and Museum grant applicants.

Number of Respondents: 4,186.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 4.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5484.50 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: n/a.

Total Annual Costs: \$138,319.09.

Public Comments Invited: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Dated: November 28, 2017.

Kim Miller,

Grants Management Specialist, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of Current Information Collection

AGENCY: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, 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. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 82 FR 20921 and one comment was received. NSF/NCSES is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 7th Street NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room W18000, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling Ms. Plimpton at (703) 292-7556. 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).

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 are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NSF, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NSF's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (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.

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 May 4, 2017, at 82 FR 20921. One comment came from Andrew Reamer, Research Professor in the George Washington Institute of Public Policy at George Washington University via email on May 4, 2017, who requested a copy of the questionnaire and the OMB supporting statement.

Response: The questionnaire was provided to Mr. Reamer on August 18,

2017, and the supporting statement will be provided upon submission to OMB.

Title of Collection: Nonprofit Research Activities Survey.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0240.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: July 31, 2019.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Established within NSF by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) serves as a central Federal clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, analysis, and dissemination of objective data on science, engineering, technology, and research and development for use by practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public.

The primary objective of the new survey is to fill data gaps in the NCSES publication *National Patterns of R&D Resources* in such a way that it is (a) compatible with data collected on the business, government, and higher education sectors of the U.S. economy and (b) appropriate for international comparisons. Since the last survey of research activity in the nonprofit sector occurred in 1996 and 1997, interest from the community has grown significantly in recent years. Thus, it is important that a full survey be fielded again to update current national estimates for the nonprofit sector.

NCSES recently concluded a pilot test of the Nonprofit Research Activities Survey (NPRAS) with 3,640 nonprofit organizations. Using the lessons learned from the pilot, NCSES now plans to conduct a full survey. The full NPRAS survey will collect R&D and other related data from U.S. nonprofit organizations. This survey will collect the following:

- Total amount spent on R&D activities within nonprofit organizations;
- Number of employees and R&D employees;
- Sources of funds for R&D expenditures;
- Expenditures by field of R&D (biological and health sciences, engineering, physical sciences, social sciences, etc.);
- Expenditures by type of R&D (basic research, applied research, or experimental development);
- Total amount of R&D funding provided to entities outside the nonprofit organization;
- Types of recipients receiving R&D funding; and

- Funding by field of R&D (biological and health sciences, engineering, physical sciences, social sciences, etc.).

Use of the information: The primary purpose of this survey is to collect nationally representative data on nonprofit research spending and funding. The nonprofit sector is one of four major sectors that perform and/or fund research and development (R&D) in the U.S. Historically, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has combined this sector's data with the business, government, and higher education sectors' data to estimate total national R&D expenditures via the annual *National Patterns of R&D Resources* report. These data will help federal agencies develop longrange plans and policies for R&D funding opportunities and the nonprofit sector as a whole. We also expect the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) will request that NSF provide NPRAS Survey data for use in its periodic publications and for international comparisons of R&D efforts. The data will be made available in public data tables as well as public use microdata files.

Expected respondents: The sample will be approximately 6,500 nonprofit organizations. The target population for the NPRAS Survey includes all NPOs categorized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as 501(c)(3) public charities, 501(c)(3) private foundations, and other exempt organizations [e.g., 501(c)(1), 501(c)(2)]. To increase the efficiency of sampling organizations that perform or fund research—and to reduce burden among organizations that do not perform or fund research—organizations that are highly unlikely to be conducting research activities or already included in the other NCSES R&D surveys will be removed from the frame. In addition, organizations that do not meet a minimum size threshold, based on assets for private foundations and expenses for public charities, will be excluded from the frame. The sample will be allocated to obtain a minimum of 1,600 completed surveys from R&D active organizations (800 from performers and 800 from funders).

Estimate of burden: The survey will include approximately 6,500 organizations and will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1 will be a screening phase for all organizations in the sample that have not been identified as research performers or funders (approximately 4,100 organizations). This will include a postage paid response card to be completed by the organization, with an estimated burden of 10 minutes. NCSES estimates a 70% response rate for this

screening phase, yielding a burden of 478 hours.

Phase 2 of the survey will be the questionnaire, which will be sent to (a) all of the known research performers and funders, (b) those screened in from Phase 1, and (c) those who did not respond to the Phase 1 contacts. NCSES expects a response rate of 60% to Phase 2. Based on the responses to the pilot survey, if the organization both funds and performs research, it will take an estimated 4 hours to complete the survey. If the organization neither funds nor performs research, the response time should be less than 20 minutes. There will also be 40 debriefings held as the surveys are submitted, 20 for respondents and 20 for nonrespondents. The debriefings are estimated to take 1 hour for respondents and 30 minutes for nonrespondents, resulting in a total burden of 30 hours. The estimate of burden for Phase 2 of the survey is 4,888 hours for the 1,222 estimated performers and funders that complete the survey and debriefings and 317 hours for the remaining 951 organizations estimated to complete the survey that do not perform or fund research. The total combined burden for Phases 1 and 2 is 5,713 hours.

Dated: November 29, 2017.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by January 3, 2018. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-8030, or ACAPermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 670), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2018-016

1. *Applicant:* Daniel Costa, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department, University of California Santa Cruz, 115 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Take, Harmful Interference, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Import into USA. The applicant proposes to study the foraging behavior, habitat utilization, and physiology of leopard seals, and potentially additional Antarctic seal species, near Cape Shirreff in the Antarctic Peninsula. Additional seal species could include: Crabeater seals, Weddell seals, Antarctic fur seals, Ross seals, and southern elephant seals. The applicant would capture and tag 10-15 seals of each species, in each of three field seasons. Seals would be sedated and anesthetized during tagging and biological sample collection procedures. The tags to be attached to the seals with marine epoxy include a combined time-depth recorder and GPS receiver and a separate VHF radio tag. Other procedures would include: Flipper tagging, dye marking, collecting blood samples, measuring blood volume, measuring girth and length, and determining body composition by morphometric measurements. These procedures are currently authorized under National Marine Fisheries Service Marine Mammal Protection Act Permit No. 19439.

Location: ASPA 149, Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates of Permitted Activities: January 1, 2018-June 1, 2020.

Permit Application: 2018-028

2. *Applicant:* Alexander Simms, University of California Santa Barbara, 1006 Webb Hall, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASP). The applicant proposes to enter ASPA 126, Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, to survey beach ridges using GPS and ground-penetrating radar as well as collecting small sediment samples. The applicant would camp on-site for approximately two weeks while conducting the proposed research. The applicant and agents would adhere to the ASPA management plan.

Location: ASPA 126, Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, Antarctica.

Dates of Permitted Activities: February 15, 2018-April 1, 2020.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-11; NRC-2017-0110]

Sacramento Municipal Utility District; Rancho Seco Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviewed an application by Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD or the licensee) for amendment of Materials License No. SNM-2510, which authorizes the storage of spent nuclear fuel and greater than Class C waste at the Rancho Seco Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, located in Herald, California. The licensee requested authorization to allow the continued storage of byproduct nuclear material to check the functionality of radiation detection instruments.

DATES: December 4, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2017-0110 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available