

decision in writing on the proposed action within 30 working days after receiving a timely filed appeal from the test participant. If no timely appeal is received, the proposed notice becomes the final decision of the Agency as of the date that the appeal period expires. A proposed discontinuance of a test participant's participation privileges will not take effect unless the appeal process under this paragraph has been concluded with a written decision adverse to the test participant.

In the case of willfulness or those in which public health, interest, or safety so requires, the CEE Director may immediately discontinue the test participant's participation privileges upon written notice to the test participant. The notice will contain a description of the facts or conduct warranting the immediate action. The test participant will be offered the opportunity to appeal the CEE Director's decision within 10 calendar days of receipt of the written notice providing for immediate discontinuance. The appeal must be submitted to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, CCS Division, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Suite 2.3D, Washington, DC 20229 or by email to [CEE@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CEE@cbp.dhs.gov). The immediate discontinuance will remain in effect during the appeal period. The Executive Director, Cargo and Conveyance Security, Office of Field Operations (OFO), CBP Headquarters, will issue a decision in writing on the discontinuance within 15 working days after receiving a timely filed appeal from the test participant. If no timely appeal is received, the notice becomes the final decision of the Agency as of the date that the appeal period expires.

Dated: August 21, 2012.

**David V. Aguilar,**

*Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5609-N-09]

### Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Electronic Stakeholder Survey—Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* October 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8234, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Gillespie at (202) 402-5843 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Gillespie.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) 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; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology that will reduce burden, (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Electronic Stakeholder Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* XXXX-pending.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Electronic Stakeholder Survey is necessary to collect information for demonstrating the outputs and outcomes of meetings, conferences, and other activities presented by HUD's Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation (IPI).

The Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation (IPI) supports HUD's efforts to find new solutions and align ideas and resources by working across public, private, and civil sectors to further HUD's mission. IPI works towards these goals by developing networks and facilitating collaboration of key partners and resources. To gather feedback on the various meetings, conferences, and other events and activities IPI presents, it is necessary to survey participants at both immediate and medium-term intervals. IPI is seeking to understand the effectiveness of these events in sharing information, connecting participants, establishing plans for coordination, and influencing programmatic, research, and funding agendas and resources. As we increase the effectiveness of these cross-sector convenings, HUD benefits from increased access to and synthesis of information regarding successes and failures in domestic and global housing and urban development. Residents and communities across the country also benefit from the increased impact achieved by alignment of cross-sector resources and ideas.

*Members of affected public:* Individuals.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

## ESTIMATED RESPONDENT BURDEN HOURS AND COSTS

Form	Respondent sample	Number of respondents	Average time to complete (minimum, maximum) in minutes	Frequency	Total burden (hours)
Stakeholder Surveys .....	The public .....	300	10	Twice a year .....	100

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary. Status of the proposed information collection: Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** Title 13 U.S.C. Section 9(a), and Title 12, U.S.C., 1701z-1 *et seq.*

Dated: August 21, 2012.

**Erika Poethig,**

Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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#### Agency Information Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection, 1028-0095.

**SUMMARY:** We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This collection is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2013.

**DATES:** You must submit comment on or before October 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-7199 (Fax); or [smbaloch@usgs.gov](mailto:smbaloch@usgs.gov) (email). Please reference Information Collection 1028-0095 in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John E. Schefter, Chief Office of External Research, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 424, Reston, Virginia 20192 (mail) at (703) 648-6800 (Phone); or [schefter@usgs.gov](mailto:schefter@usgs.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:** National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) USGS Competitive Grant Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028-0095.

**Abstract:** The NIWR-USGS National Competitive Grant Program issues an annual call for proposals to support research on water problems and issues of a regional or interstate nature beyond those of concern only to a single state and which relate to specific program priorities identified jointly by the USGS and the state water resources research institutes authorized by the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, as amended (42 U.S.C. 10301 *et seq.*). The program is conducted in conjunction with the State Water Resources Research Institutes. The NIWR cooperates with the USGS in establishing total programmatic direction, reporting on the activities of the Institutes, coordinating and facilitating regional research and information and technology transfer, and in operating the NIWR-USGS Student Internship Program. Any investigator at an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States is eligible to apply for a grant through a water research institute or center established under the provisions of the Act. Proposals involving substantial collaboration between the USGS and university scientists are encouraged. Proposals may be for projects of 1 to 3 years in duration and may request up to \$250,000 in federal funds. Successful applicants must match each dollar of the federal grant with one dollar from nonfederal sources. An annual progress and final technical report for all projects is required at the end of the project period. This program is authorized by the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, as amended (42 U.S.C. 10303(g)). No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. We intend to release the project abstracts and primary investigators for awarded/funded projects only.

**Frequency of Collection:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Research investigators at accredited institutions of higher education.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary (necessary to receive benefits).

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** We expect to receive approximately 65 applications and award 7 grants per year.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:** We estimate the public reporting burden to be 72 hours per response. This includes 60 hours per applicant to prepare and submit the application; and 12 hours (total) per grantee to complete the interim and final technical reports.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 3,984.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost":** We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Comments:** We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.