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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Generic Clearance for Usability Data Collections

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 13, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Maureen O'Reilly, Management Analyst, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1710, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1710, telephone 301-975-3189, or via email to [maureen.oreilly@nist.gov](mailto:maureen.oreilly@nist.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

In accordance with the Executive Order 12862, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a non-regulatory agency of the Department of Commerce, proposes to conduct a number of data collection efforts—both quantitative and qualitative. The data collections will be designed to determine requirements and evaluate the usability and utility of NIST research for measurement and standardization work. These data collections efforts may include, but may not be limited to electronic methodologies, empirical studies, video and audio collections, interviews, and questionnaires. For example, data collection efforts may include the cryptography software survey and the password generation study. NIST will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions or responses. NIST will not conduct individual data collections under this generic clearance that are mandatory, required, or regulated. The data collected will be used to guide NIST research. NIST will take steps to ensure anonymity of respondents in each activity covered under this request.

#### II. Method of Collection

NIST will collect this information by electronic means when possible, as well as by mail, fax, telephone and person-to-person interviews. If an information collection is conducted in person, NIST will provide the respondent with a paper copy of the collection instrument that displays the “notwithstanding statement”, OMB Control # and current Expiration date.

#### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0043.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, State, local or tribal government, Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Varied, dependent upon the data collection method used. The estimated response time to complete a questionnaire is 15

minutes or 2 hours to participate in an empirical study.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 15,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

## IV. Request for Comments

NIST invites comments on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Manufacturing Extension Partnership Management Information Reporting

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 13, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW,

Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at [PRAcomments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAcomments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Melissa Davis, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, MS4800, 301-975-5039, [melissa.davis@nist.gov](mailto:melissa.davis@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is a national network of locally based manufacturing extension centers that assists small- and medium-sized manufacturers to improve their productivity, improve profitability, and enhance their economic competitiveness. The information collected will provide the MEP with information regarding MEP Center performance regarding the delivery of technology, and business solutions to U.S.-based manufacturers. The collected information will assist in determining the performance of the MEP Centers at both local and national levels, provide information critical to monitoring and reporting on MEP programmatic performance, and assist management in policy decisions. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory per the regulations governing the operation of the MEP Program (15 CFR parts 290, 291, 292, and H.R. 1274—section 2). The information collected will include center inputs and activities including services delivered, clients served, center staff, quarterly expenses and revenues, partners, strategic plan, operation plans, and client success stories. No confidentiality for information submitted is promised or provided. In order to reflect new initiatives and new data needs, NIST MEP has identified a need to revise its existing reporting processes by modifying existing reporting elements that will enable NIST MEP to better monitor and assess the extent to which the Centers are meeting program goals and milestones.

**II. Method of Collection**

The information will be collected from the MEP Centers through the MEP Enterprise Information System (MEIS), <https://meis.nist.gov>.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0032.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (revision of a currently approved information collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 51.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 125 hours in year of Annual Review. 175 hours in year of Panel Review.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,375 hours in year of Annual Review. 8,925 hours in year of Panel Review.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

**IV. Request for Comments**

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will meet on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time and Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) agency updates on their latest activities

and receive the NEHRP agency responses to the Committee's 2017 biennial and 2018 interim Reports on the Effectiveness of the NEHRP. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda and any meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP website at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

**DATES:** The ACEHR will meet on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time. The meeting will continue on Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Katharine Blodgett Gebbie Laboratory Conference Room 1A106, Building 81, at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 325 Broadway Street, Boulder, Colorado 80305. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tina Faecke, Management and Program Analyst, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, Engineering Laboratory, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604. Ms. Faecke's email address is [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-5911.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-360). The Committee is composed of 15 members appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their established records of distinguished service in their professional community, their knowledge of issues affecting NEHRP, and to reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- The effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities;
- Any need to revise NEHRP; and
- The management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C.