

approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Proposed Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services 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 1994 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3508©(2)(A)]. 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 can be properly assessed. Currently the Institute of Museum and Library Services is soliciting comments concerning the proposed annual report for Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual 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 8, 1998.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments which 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: Jane Heiser, Director of State Programs, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 802, Washington, D.C. 20506. Ms. Heiser can be reached on (202) 606-5395 or at jheiser@imls.fed.us

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Public Law 104-208 enacted on September 30, 1996 contains the Library Services and Technology Act, a reauthorization and refocusing of federal library programs. This legislation retains the state-based approach to library programs and sharpens the focus to two key priorities: information access through technology and information empowerment through special services.

Public Law 104-208 authorizes the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services to make grants to States to assist them to—

- (1) Consolidate Federal library service programs;
- (2) Stimulate excellence and promote access to learning and information resources in all types of libraries for individuals of all ages;
- (3) Promote library services that provide all users access to information through State, regional, national and international electronic networks;
- (4) Provide linkages among and between libraries;
- (5) Promote targeted library services to people of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to people with limited functional literary or information skills.

II. Current Actions

This is a new information collection. The annual report is needed to assess outcome of awards as needed for compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act. The report will also facilitate information sharing and identify promising practices among the states to help them implement their state plans.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Library Services and Technology Act State Grants Annual Reports.

OMB Number:

Agency Number: 3137.

Frequency: Once/year.

Affected Public: State Library Administrative Agencies.

Number of Respondents: 56.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 1,120.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total Annual Costs: 0.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Title of Collection: EHR Impact Database

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of this collection, OMB control number 3145-0136, the EHR (Directorate for Education and Human Resources) Database. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have provided an opportunity for public comment on this action. Such a notice was published **Federal Register** 23810, dated April 30, 1998. No comments were received.

The materials are now being sent to OMB for review. Send any written comments to Desk Officer, OMB, 3145-0136, OIRA, OMB, Washington, D.C. 20503. Comments should be received by July 31, 1998.

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency'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.