

Application for Leave since they no longer prescribe any standard data elements for requesting and approving leave. Each agency needs to set their own policy on how this process is handled. OPM developed their own form which they are happy to share with you but is NOT for mandatory use. You can obtain a copy of this form from the internet (Address: <http://www.opm.gov/forms>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Williams, General Services Administration, (202) 501-0581.

DATES: Effective August 29, 2001.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Barbara M. Williams,

Deputy Standard and Optional Forms Management Officer, General Services Administration.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0243]

Submission for OMB Review and Extension; Comment Request Entitled GSAR 516.203-4, Contract Clause and GSAR 552.216-70 Economic Price Adjustment (EPA)

AGENCY: General Services Administration, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of a request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) Clause.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether the information collection generated by the GSAR Clause, Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) is necessary to determine an offeror's price is fair and reasonable; whether it will have practical utility;

whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before October 29, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Wise, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 208-1168.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to Stephanie Morris, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The General Services Administration (GSA) has various mission responsibilities related to the acquisition and provision of FSS MAS contracts. These mission responsibilities generate requirements that are realized through the solicitation and award of contracts for various products and services. Individual solicitations and resulting contracts may impose unique information collection and reporting requirements on contractors not required by regulation, but necessary to evaluate particular program accomplishments and measure success in meeting program objectives.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 3,857.
Annual Responses: 5,786.
Burden Hours: 3,857.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the General Services Administration, Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, or

by telephoning (202) 501-4744, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-4067. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0243, Contract Clause and Economic Price Adjustment, in all correspondence.

David A. Drabkin,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. Assessment of State Laws, Regulations and Practices Affecting the Collection and Reporting of Racial and Ethnic Data by Health Insurers and Managed Care Plans—NEW—One of the overarching goals of Healthy People 2010 is the elimination of health disparities, including those associated with race and ethnicity. The lack of data has been identified as a barrier to performance measurement for this goal. Therefore, the Office of Minority Health is proposing a study which will examine States' laws and policies concerning the collection and use of racial and ethnic data by health insurers and managed care plans. The study involves visits to 13 States for an in-depth look at their policies and practices, interviews with State officials and representatives of the States' major managed care plans and health insurance industry, and focus groups with consumer and civil rights organizations. *Respondents:* State or local governments; businesses or other for-profit; non-profit institutions.

BURDEN INFORMATION

Instrument	Number of respondents	Burden per response	Burden hours
Administrator Interview guide	78	4	312
Consumer Focus Group	130	2	260
Total	208		572

OMB Desk Officer; Allison Herron Eydt.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 17, 2001.

Kerry Weems,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Request for Comments To Inform HHS Initiative on Rural Communities

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is undertaking an examination of how each HHS agency's program can be strengthened to better serve rural communities. HHS seeks public comments to inform this process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dianne McSwain, HHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, 202-401-5926 or Marcia Brand, HHS Health and Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy, 301-443-0835.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before the close of business on September 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to the HHS Initiative on Rural Communities, Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 638-G, Washington, DC 20201. Comments may also be submitted through email to: rural.comments@hhs.gov. Individuals and organizations submitting comments are encouraged to include contact information for further clarification and a zip code to facilitate possible analysis

of geographic distribution of the comments received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 2001, HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced the HHS Initiative on Rural Communities, a Department-wide effort to improve the provision of health and human services to rural families and individuals. An HHS Rural Task Force has been created to conduct a program-by-program examination of how HHS programs can improve services to rural communities. This internal HHS Rural Task Force; will examine how existing programs serve rural communities; will identify administrative, regulatory and statutory barriers to serving people in rural communities; will consider the impact of the HHS funding on rural economies; and will make recommendations to improve health care and social services to rural America. The HHS Task Force will report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on October 25, 2001 with a detailed analysis of HHS programs and a strategic plan for sustaining the commitment to rural communities.

Recognizing the value of the insight and experience of those at the state, local, and tribal level serving rural communities, the HHS Task Force invites the public to submit to us your specific written comments on issues such as (1) Improving rural communities' access to quality health and human services; (2) strengthening rural families; (3) strengthening rural communities and supporting economic development; (4) partnering with State, local and Tribal governments to support rural communities; and (5) supporting a rural voice in federal policy making.

All comments should be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services at the address noted above. The comments will be considered in the development of the report to Secretary Thompson and the ensuing strategic plan. Since the anticipated volume of responses will preclude a personal response to each of the comments, HHS wishes to thank you in advance for your comments.

Andrew C. Knapp,

Acting Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01196]

Evaluation of Breast Cancer Incidence; Notice of Availability of Funds; Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a grant program for an Evaluation of Breast Cancer Incidence in DuPage County, Illinois, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2001, [Vol. 66, No. 152, Page 41245]. This notice is amended as follows:

On page 41245, First Column, Under Section A, Second Paragraph, Second Sentence, Lines 6-11, delete: "Through this program, the DuPage County Health Department will be able to determine the incidence of breast cancer in the county and to outline a plan to address the programmatic and health issues identified." and change to: "Through this program, the Illinois Department of Health will be able to determine the incidence of breast cancer in DuPage County and to outline a plan to address the programmatic and health issues identified in the county."

On Page 41245, First Column, Under Section B, First Sentence, delete: "Assistance will be provided to the DuPage County Health Department in Wheaton, Illinois." and change to: "Assistance will be provided only to the Illinois Department of Health." On Page 41245, First Column, Under Section B, Third Sentence, delete: "Eligibility is limited to the DuPage County Health Department * * *" and change to: "Eligibility is limited to the Illinois Department of Health * * *".

Dated: August 23, 2001.

John L. Williams,

Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 01D-0286]

Draft "Guidance for Industry: Premarket Notifications [510(k)s] for In Vitro HIV Drug Resistance Genotype Assays;" Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.