

0118, concerning Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness. This form is used by all Federal agencies to report accident information involving U.S. Government motor vehicles.

#### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 874.

*Annual Responses:* 874.

*Burden Hours:* 291.

#### 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. 3090-0118, Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness, in all correspondence.

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**Michael Carleton,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### [GSA Bulletin FRM B-1]

#### Personal Property

This notice contains GSA Bulletin FRM B-1 which announces a new provider for official U.S. Government license plates and clarifies changes in the way official identification is displayed on motor vehicles. The text of the bulletin follows:

To: Heads of Federal agencies.

Subject: Acquisition and display of official U.S. Government license plates and other motor vehicle identification.

1. *What is the purpose of this bulletin?* This bulletin announces a new provider for official U.S. Government license plates and clarifies changes in the way official identification is displayed on motor vehicles.

2. *What is the effective date of this bulletin?* This bulletin is effective October 25, 2001.

3. *What is the expiration date of this bulletin?* This bulletin expires October 25, 2002.

4. *What is the background to this announcement?*

a. The previous supplier of official U.S. Government license plates, the District of Columbia Department of Correction, Lorton Prison, stopped taking license plate orders on June 30, 2001. The new supplier, Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (UNICOR), started taking

license plate orders on July 1, 2001. Actual production of license plates at the UNICOR facility will begin on or about September 15, 2001.

b. Subsection 211(k) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, requires motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government to display official U.S. Government identification. Sections 102-34.110 and 102-34.120 of the Federal Management Regulation (FMR) implemented this section of the Property Act, providing for placement and size of this identification.

c. On June 21, 2001, the General Services Administration's (GSA) Office of Governmentwide Policy entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UNICOR for the production of license plates for Federal agencies. Prior to entering into the MOU, GSA's Office of Governmentwide Policy obtained a waiver from the provisions of sections 102-34.110 through 102-34.120 and 102-34.170 of the FMR. This Memorandum of Understanding and FMR waiver were coordinated through the Federal Fleet Policy Council, obtaining the approval of all agencies operating motor vehicle fleets.

d. The MOU between GSA and UNICOR and the FMR waiver allow changes to the way license plates are produced in order to increase the security of Federal license plates and eliminate the need for identification decals in the rear windows of motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government.

5. *What does the new license plate look like?* The new license plates will have the following characteristics:

a. The plate will be flat and digitally produced with an embossed flange rim.

b. The plate will have a reflective sheeting similar to most regular State-issued license plates.

c. The plate will have a security reflective watermark consistent on all plates (repeating the phrase "U.S. Government") and a hologram positioned vertically down the center (an American eagle).

d. The plate will contain Federal agency or bureau identification that readily identifies the vehicle's owner.

6. *What must agencies do to order license plates?* All Federal agencies must execute an addendum to the MOU between GSA and UNICOR. Agencies will prepare only one addendum listing all bureaus, departments, districts, etc. authorized to order license plates. This addendum will provide UNICOR with specific ordering and payment information, and include, at a minimum, the following information:

a. Agency name.

b. Agency code.

c. Point of contact.

d. Mailing address.

e. Telephone number.

f. Email address.

g. Anticipated annual need.

h. Personnel authorized to order license plates.

i. Invoicing and billing information.

j. Shipping instructions.

k. Graphic description of agency information on license plates.

7. *Can a Federal agency or activity order license plates without completing an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding?* No.

8. *What activities may order and receive shipments of license plates?*

Only Federal agencies or activities may order or receive shipments of official U.S. Government license plates.

9. *What procedures should agency field activities follow when ordering license plates?* Agency field activities should contact their agency (national level) Fleet Manager for guidance.

10. *What is the point of contact at UNICOR?*

Mr. Abraham Burgos, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Justice, UNICOR Federal Prison Industries, Inc., 400 First Street, NW., Room 6010, Washington, DC 20534, (202) 305-3752, [aburgor@central.unicor.gov](mailto:aburgor@central.unicor.gov)

11. *Who do I contact if I still have questions?*

Mr. Michael Moses, Team Leader, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Federal Vehicle Policy Division (MTV), 1800 F Street, NW., Room G241, Washington, DC 20405, (202) 501-2507, [mike.moses@gsa.gov](mailto:mike.moses@gsa.gov)

#### G. Martin Wagner,

*Associate Administrator for Governmentwide Policy.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and the Assistant Secretary for Health have taken final action in the following case:

*David A. Padgett, Ph.D., The Ohio State University:* Based on the report of an investigation conducted by The Ohio State University (OSU), the

Respondent's admissions, and additional analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) found that Dr. Padgett, an Assistant Professor at the OSU College of Dentistry engaged in scientific misconduct in grant application 1 R01 AG20102-01 submitted to the National Institute of Aging, National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Specifically, PHS finds that Dr. Padgett plagiarized and misrepresented as his own research data for Figures 1 and 2 of this NIH grant application, data which represented unpublished experiments originally conducted by a researcher at another institution for a private company. The plagiarism was a significant misrepresentation because the data appeared in the preliminary results section of the NIH grant application. The respondent used these experiments, which were relevant to the proposed research, to support the request for funding.

Dr. Padgett has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement (Agreement) in which he has voluntarily agreed for a period of three (3) years, beginning on October 4, 2001:

(1) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant; and

(2) That Dr. Padgett and any institution employing him are required to certify, in every PHS application or report in which he is involved, that all persons who contribute original sources of ideas, data, or research results to the applications or reports are properly cited or otherwise acknowledged. This requires Dr. Padgett and the institution, with respect to Dr. Padgett's contributions to the application or report, to certify that all individuals (both within and outside the institution) who contributed to the application or report are acknowledged. The institution must also send a copy of the certification to ORI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

**Chris B. Pascal,**

*Director, Office of Research Integrity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow the proposed information collection project: 2001-2003 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Insurance Component (MEPS-IC). In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 28, 2001 and allowed 60 Days for public comment.

No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 Days for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by November 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Allison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB: New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, D.C. 20503.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia D. McMichael, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594-3132.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Proposed Project

*2001-2003 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Insurance Component (MEPS-IC)*

The MEPS-IC, an annual survey of the characteristics of employer-sponsored health insurance, was first conducted by AHRQ in 1997 for the calendar year 1996. The survey has since been conducted annually for calendar years 1997 through 2000. AHRQ proposes to continue this annual survey of establishments for calendar years 2001 through 2003. The survey data for calendar year 2001 will be collected in 2002.

Likewise, calendar year 2002 data will be collected in 2003 and calendar year 2003 data in 2004. The survey will collect information from both public and private employers. This survey will be conducted for AHRQ by the Bureau of Census using a sample comprised of:

1. Employers selected from Census Bureau lists of private sector employers and governments (known as the List Sample), and

2. Employers identified by respondents to the MEPS-Household Component (MEPS-HC) for the same calendar year (known as the Household Sample). The MEPS-HC is an annual household survey designed to collect information concerning health care expenditures and related data for individuals. The size of the Household sample varies from year to year with the size of the MEPS-HC.

Data to be collected from each employer will include a description of the business (e.g., size, industry) and descriptions of health insurance plans available, plan enrollments, total plan costs and costs to employees.

#### Data Confidentiality Provisions

MEPS-IC List Sample data confidentiality is protected under the U.S. Census Bureau confidentiality statute, Section 9 of Title 13, United States Code. MEPS-IC Household Sample data confidentiality is protected under Sections 308(d) and 924(c) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242m(d) and 42 U.S.C.299c-3(c)).

Section 308(d), of the PHS Act, the confidentiality statute of the National Center for Health Statistics, is applicable because the MEPS-HC sample is derived from respondents in an earlier NCHS survey. Section 924(c), the confidentiality statute of AHRQ, applies to all data collected for research that is supported by AHRQ. All data products listed below must fully comply with the data confidentiality statute under which the raw data was collected as well as any additional confidentiality provisions that apply.

#### Data Products

Data will be produced in three forms: (1) files derived from the Household Sample, which can be linked back to other information from household respondents in the MEPS-HC, will be available to researchers at the AHRQ Research Data Center; (2) files containing employer information from the List Sample will be available for use by researchers at the Census Bureau's Research Data Centers; and (3) a large compendium of tables of estimates, also based on List Sample data, will be produced and made available on the