

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor.

Title: Applicant Background Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 1225-0072.

Affected Public: Applicants for positions recruited in the Department of Labor. Other Federal agencies have requested to use the DOL form. We are including the Department of Agriculture, ARS as an agency that wishes to use the form for their recruitment program. Their burden numbers are also included below.

Total Respondents:

Department of Labor—3,000

USDA, ARS—17,800

Total—20,800

Frequency: One time per respondent.

Total Responses: 20,800.

Average Time per Response: 3 minutes for on-line applicants (DOL). 5 minutes for paper applications (USDA).

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

DOL—150 hours

USDA—1,458 hours, 20 min

Total—1,608 hours, 20 min

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):

DOL—\$87.46

USDA—\$1,049.52

Total—\$1,136.98

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

Dated: July 18, 2008.

Suzu Barker,

Director of Human Resources.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Invitation To Submit White Papers To Inform the Five-Year Strategic Plan for the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research & Development Program

AGENCY: The National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD).

ACTION: Request for Input (RFI).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Detrice M. Wallace at (703) 292-4873.

DATES: To be considered, submissions must be received by August 25, 2008.

SUMMARY: This plan will focus on goals and capabilities that can only be achieved through interagency

cooperation and coordination, and will complement and support the strategic plans of the individual agencies. It will encompass vision-driven themes in multiple dimensions to show research & development capabilities and challenges by using scenarios that demonstrate societal and economic impact.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Overview:* The Subcommittee on Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) is soliciting input from government, academia, and industry in the U.S. and abroad to assist in the development of a Five-Year Strategic Plan for the NITRD Program.

The strategic plan will focus primarily on R&D goals that require interagency coordination, including multi-agency investments and joint programs, and respond to the priorities of the Federal government as a whole. This plan will complement and support each participating agency's strategic plan.

This Request for Input is not a funding opportunity or a solicitation for proposals. Anonymized versions of some responses will be made publicly available to promote further discussion.

2. *Focus of the Strategic Plan:* The NITRD five-year strategic plan will guide the coordinated R&D efforts of the Federal agencies in the NITRD Program (see <http://www.nitrd.gov> for a description of the program and a listing of participating agencies). The strategic plan will:

- Define a vision for the NITRD Program and identify desired, future networking and information technologies (NIT) capabilities.
- Provide a five-year framework for prioritizing fundamental research to attain major advances in the desired capabilities within ten years.
- Ensure collaboration across agencies, academia, industry, and other domains to solve challenges that cannot be met by any agency acting alone.
- Illustrate potential societal and economic positive impact on national-level and multi-disciplinary challenges (e.g., cybersecurity, healthcare, renewable energy, and environment).

3. *Description of Information Sought:* The NITRD Subcommittee seeks input from a range of stakeholders with the goal of developing an effective strategic plan for R&D to yield high-payoff scientific and engineering capabilities in NIT. The submissions should seek to answer the following questions:

- What do you imagine as the future in terms of desired NIT capabilities?
- What roles do you imagine for the NITRD Program and for the academic, commercial, international, and other domains in achieving that future?

In addressing these questions, submitters are challenged to present views and input on one or more of the following subjects, in relation to NIT:

- Development and execution of multi-agency and multi-disciplinary programs.
- Determination of strategic goals, key challenges, opportunities, and research priorities.
- Examples that illustrate the impact of realizing the vision, achieving the proposed goals, and meeting the identified challenges.
- Transition of R&D results into practice.
- Role of the U.S. in the international NIT arena.
- Interactions among government, commercial, academic, and international sectors.

4. *Background:* A unique collaboration of 13 Federal agencies, the NITRD Program's mission is to formulate Federal NIT R&D to meet the following national goals:

- Assure continued U.S. leadership in NIT to meet Federal goals and support U.S. 21st century government, academic, and industrial interests.
- Accelerate deployment of advanced and experimental NIT to enhance national and homeland security; maintain world leadership in science, engineering, and mathematics; improve the quality of life; promote long-term economic growth; increase lifelong learning; and protect the environment.
- Advance U.S. productivity and competitiveness through long-term scientific and engineering research in NIT.

Currently there are two documents available for gathering background information. The first is the August 2007 publication, *Leadership Under Challenge: Information Technology R&D in a Competitive World*, an assessment of the NITRD Program by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). A central recommendation in this assessment is the development, implementation, and maintenance of a cohesive strategic plan for the NITRD Program. The second document is the NITRD Program's previous internal Strategic Plan. The documents are available at: <http://www.nitrd.gov/pubs/index.htm>

5. *Submission Information:* To be considered, submissions must be received by August 25, 2008. Submitters of the white papers should:

- Focus on interagency coordination of major NIT research directions and the proposed priorities of the Federal government as a whole.

- Put all information in the main text; references may be used for background information.

- Transmit the submissions as electronic documents to nitr-sp@nitr.gov.

- Limit the size of documents to two pages.

Note that this is an initial opportunity for public input to the strategic planning process; additional opportunities are expected as the plan is developed.

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The NITRD public Web site at <http://www.nitr.gov> provides background information on the activities of the NITRD Program and its interagency coordinating groups. For general inquiries, please send e-mail to nco@nitr.gov.

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Director, NCO, Co-Chair, NITRD Subcommittee.

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Submitted by the National Science Foundation for the National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) on July 21, 2008.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 27, 2008, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of permit applications received. A permit was issued on July

21, 2008 to: Terrie M. Williams; Permit No. 2009-005.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-11209]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Amendment of Byproduct Materials License No. 21-16544-01, for Unrestricted Release of a Facility in Ann Arbor, MI

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend Byproduct Materials License No. 21-16544-01. This license is held by the Department of Commerce (the Licensee) for its Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory facility located at 2205 Commonwealth Boulevard, Ann Arbor, Michigan (the Facility). Issuance of the amendment would authorize release of the Facility for unrestricted use. The Licensee requested this action in a letter dated September 19, 2007. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this proposed action in accordance with the requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 51 (10 CFR part 51). Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate with respect to the proposed action. The amendment will be issued to the Licensee following the publication of this FONSI and EA in the **Federal Register**.

II. Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the Licensee's September 19, 2007, license amendment request, resulting in release of the Facility for unrestricted use. License No. 21-16544-01 was issued on July 8, 1975, pursuant to 10 CFR part 30, and has been amended periodically since that time. The license authorizes the use of byproduct materials for in-vitro laboratory research studies and neutron activation studies on soil samples. The Licensee ceased using licensed materials in the Facility in 2007. The Licensee has conducted final status surveys of the Facility. The results of these surveys along with other supporting information were provided to the NRC to demonstrate that the criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR part 20 for unrestricted release have been met.

Need for the Proposed Action

The Licensee has ceased conducting licensed activities at the Facility and seeks the unrestricted use of its Facility.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The historical review of licensed activities conducted at the Facility shows that such activities involved use of the following radionuclides with half-lives greater than 120 days: Hydrogen-3, carbon-14, antimony-125, cadmium-109, calcium-45, cerium-144, cesium-134, cesium-137, chlorine-36, cobalt-60, iodine-129, iron-55, manganese-54, polonium-209, polonium-210, radium-226, silver-100m, sodium-22, and zinc-65. Prior to performing the final status survey, the Licensee conducted decontamination activities, as necessary, in the areas of the Facility affected by these radionuclides.

The Licensee completed final status surveys on the Facility on June 28, 2007. The surveys covered all areas of the Facility. The final status survey report was attached to the Licensee's amendment request dated September 19, 2007. The Licensee elected to demonstrate compliance with the radiological criteria for unrestricted release as specified in 10 CFR 20.1402 by using the screening values described in NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance," Volume 2 as the radionuclide-specific derived concentration guideline levels (DCGLs). These values provide acceptable levels of surface contamination to demonstrate compliance with the NRC requirements in Subpart E of 10 CFR part 20 for unrestricted release. The Licensee's final status survey results were below these values and are in compliance with