What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply To?

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are all recipients of EPA financial assistance agreements, and any entities receiving identified loans under a financial assistance agreement capitalizing a revolving loan fund.

Title: MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Interagency Agreements (Renewal)

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 2212.03, OMB Control No. 2090–0025.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on October 31, 2009. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA’s regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the Federal Register when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, or by publication in the Federal Register or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: All EPA financial assistance agreement recipients are required to make good faith efforts to assure that small, minority and women owned businesses are used, when possible, as sources of construction, services, equipment, and supplies. The completion and submission of EPA Form 5700–52A is mandatory. The information collected by EPA Form 5700–52A is used to compile data concerning the utilization of minority and women owned businesses as contractors under procurements funded by EPA financial assistance agreements pursuant to Executive Orders 11225, 12138, and 12432, and Public Laws 101–507 and 102–389. The effectiveness of EPA’s MBE/WBE Program is measured through this reporting requirement.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one (1) hour per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency’s estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 3600

Frequency of response: Depending on the type of financial assistance received, respondents either report on an annual, semiannual, or quarterly basis.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 3600.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 3600 (one burden hour per respondent).

Estimated total annual costs: $146,916. This includes an estimated burden cost of $146,916, and an estimated cost of $0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

There is no change in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB.

What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another Federal Register notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Kimberly Y. Patrick,
Deputy Director, Office of Small Business Programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The purpose of ELAB is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA, the EPA Science Advisor, and/or the Forum on Laboratory Accreditation (FEMA) on issues associated with the enhancement of EPA’s measurement programs and national accreditation for environmental laboratories.

It is determined that ELAB is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Inquiries may be directed to Lara P. Autry, Senior Advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Science Advisor, 109 T W Alexander Drive (E243–05), Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 or by e-mail: autry.lara@epa.gov.


Kevin Teichman,
EPA Acting Science Advisor.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted for Review to the Office of Management and Budget, Comments Requested

September 14, 2009.
SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.  

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal government.  

Number of Respondents: 858 respondents; 1,992 responses.  

Estimated Time per Response: 2–4 hours (average).  

Frequency of Response: On occasion and one time reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirement, and third party disclosure requirement.  

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.  

Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 154, 160, 201, 251–254, 303, and 332.  

Total Annual Burden: 10,168 hours.  

Total Annual Cost: N/A.  

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.  

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Commission does not believe that any confidential information will need to be disclosed in order to comply with the certification and notification requirements and the corresponding PSAP response provisions, covered carriers or PSAPs are free to request that materials or information submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection and from the E911 Web site. See 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission’s rules.  

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection (IC) to the OMB as an extension during this comment period to obtain the full three-year clearance from them. There is no change in the reporting, recordkeeping and/or third party disclosure requirements. There is an adjustment change in the Commission’s burden estimates. The Commission is reporting 834 more responses; and a 3,592 hour increase in the total annual burden hours. Under the Commission’s E911 rules, a wireless carrier must provide E911 service to a particular Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) within six months only if that PSAP makes a request for the service and is capable of receiving and utilizing the information provided. In the City of Richardson, TX Order, the Commission adopted rules clarifying what constitutes a valid PSAP request so as to trigger a wireless carrier’s obligation to provide service to a PSAP within six months.  

The Order contains the following information collection requirements:  

(A) The Commission established a procedure whereby wireless carriers that have completed all necessary steps toward E911 implementation that are not dependent on PSAP readiness may have their completion obligation temporarily tolled, if the PSAP is not ready to receive the information at the end of the six-month period, and the carrier files a certification to that effect to the Commission;  

(B) As part of the certification and notification process (third party disclosure requirements), a carrier must notify the PSAP of its intent to file a certification with the Commission that the PSAP is not ready to receive and use the information. The PSAP is permitted to send a response to the carriers’ notification to affirm that it is not ready to receive E911 information or to challenge the carrier’s characterization of its state of readiness. Carriers are required to include any response they receive from the PSAP in their certification filing to the Commission; and  

(C) The Commission clarified that nothing in its rules prevented wireless carriers and PSAPs from mutually agreeing to an E911 deployment schedule at variance with the schedule contained in the Commission’s rules. Carriers and PSAPs may choose to participate in the certification and private negotiation process. The Commission does not require participation.  

The Commission will use the certification filings from wireless carriers to determine each carrier’s compliance with its E911 obligations. The Commission will review carriers certifications to ensure that carriers have sufficiently explained the basis for their conclusions that a particular PSAP will not be ready and have identified all of the specific steps the PSAP has taken to provide the requested service. The Commission retains the discretion to investigate a carrier’s certification and take enforcement action if appropriate.  

The requirement that carriers notify affected PSAPs, in writing, of their challenge, including a copy of the certification, will afford PSAPs an opportunity to review proposed certifications and present their respective views about their readiness to receive and use E911 information to the carriers and the Commission. The Commission will review PSAP responses to determine whether there are any PSAP obligations to particular certification filings.  

The clarification regarding mutually agreed upon alternative implementation schedules necessarily entails a third-party contact information burden. However, the affected entities will receive the benefit of being able to adopt an E911 implementation schedule best suited to their specific circumstances.
The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than October 16, 2009.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Todd Offenbacker, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. Pratt Community Bancshares, Inc., Pratt, Kansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of, and thereby merge with First Pratt Bancshares, Inc., and indirectly acquire voting shares of First National Bank in Pratt, both in Pratt, Kansas.


Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees for the Weldon Spring Plant, Weldon Spring, MO, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice as required by 42 CFR 83.12(e) of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees for the Weldon Spring Plant, Weldon Spring, Missouri, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. The initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

Facility: Weldon Spring Plant.
Location: Weldon Spring, Missouri.
Job Titles and/or Job Duties: All employees of DOE, DOE contractors, or subcontractors who worked in any area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C–46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 513–533–6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to OCASE@CDC.GOV.

John Howard,
Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, e-mail paperwork@hsa.gov or call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443–1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: HRSA National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Information and Documentation (EID) (OMB No. 0915–0324)—Extension

HRSA is requesting extension of the approval for the Environmental Information and Documentation (EID) checklist which consists of information that the agency is required to obtain to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). NEPA establishes the Federal government’s national policy for protection of the environment. HRSA has developed the EID for applicants of funding that would potentially impact the environment and to ensure that their decision-making processes are consistent with NEPA. Applicants must provide information and assurance of compliance with NEPA on the EID checklist. The estimated annual burden is as follows:

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