

warrantors would now disclose this information even if there were no statute or rule requiring them to do so, staff's estimates likely overstate the PRA-related burden attributable to the Rule. Moreover, the Warranty Rule has been in effect since 1976, and warrantors have long since modified their warranties to include the information the Rule requires.

Based on conversations with various warrantors' representatives over the years, staff has concluded that eight hours per year is a reasonable estimate of warrantors' PRA-related burden attributable to the Warranty Rule.⁵ This estimate takes into account ensuring that new warranties and changes to existing warranties comply with the Rule. Based on recent Census data, staff now estimates that there are 15,922 manufacturers covered by the Rule.⁶ This results in an annual burden estimate of approximately 127,376 hours (15,922 manufacturers × 8 hours of burden per year).

Total annual labor costs: \$16,941,000, rounded to the nearest thousand.

Labor costs are derived by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to the burden hours described above. The work required to comply with the Warranty Rule—ensuring that new warranties and changes to existing warranties comply with the Rule—requires a mix of legal analysis and clerical support. Staff estimates that half of the total burden hours (63,688 hours) requires legal analysis at an average hourly wage of \$250 for legal professionals,⁷ resulting in a labor cost of \$15,922,000. Assuming that the remaining half of the total burden hours requires clerical work at an average hourly wage of \$16, the resulting labor cost is approximately \$1,019,008. Thus, the total annual labor cost is approximately \$16,941,008 (\$15,922,000 for legal professionals + \$1,019,008 for clerical workers).

Total annual capital or other nonlabor costs: \$0.

The Rule imposes no appreciable current capital or start-up costs. As stated above, warrantors have already

⁵ FTC staff recently contacted two manufacturing associations—the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers and the National Association of Manufacturers—but we have not received any additional information that further clarifies this estimate.

⁶ Because some manufacturers likely make products that are not priced above \$15 or not intended for household use—and thus would not be subject to the Rule—this figure is likely an overstatement.

⁷ Staff has derived an hourly wage rate for legal professionals based upon industry knowledge. The clerical wage rate used in this Notice is based on recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics National Compensation Survey.

modified their warranties to include the information the Rule requires. Rule compliance does not require the use of any capital goods, other than ordinary office equipment, which providers would already have available for general business use.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

5th Annual PHEMCE Stakeholders Workshop and BARDA Industry Day

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is pleased to announce the upcoming 5th Annual Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Stakeholders Workshop and BARDA Industry Day to be held January 10–12, 2011 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. This annual PHEMCE event will bring together private- and public-sector stakeholders including: Federal Officials, International Governments, Industry, Healthcare Providers, First Responders, Community-Based Organizations, and other interested audiences. Attendees will have opportunities to participate in Medical Countermeasure focused forums on:

- Pre-Event Positioning of Medical Countermeasures.
- Emergency Planning for Vulnerable Populations.
- Industry Feedback on Contracting Issue.
- Medical Countermeasures Development: Expanding the Pipeline and Exploring Multi-Use Potential.
- BARDA Industry Day Presentations.

This free Workshop will also address current state of public health emergency medical countermeasure preparedness plans and opportunities to enhance national response capabilities. BARDA Industry Day provides a unique opportunity for biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry representatives to showcase their latest advances in vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and platform technologies targeting chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and naturally emerging threats, including pandemic influenza.

DATES: The 5th Annual PHEMCE Stakeholders Workshop and BARDA Industry Day will be held January 10–12, 2011. Each day will begin at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Workshop will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

Registration: There is no fee to attend; however, space is limited and registration is required. Registration and the preliminary agenda are available online at: <http://www.medicalcountermeasures.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Paige Rogers, Office of Policy and Planning, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at 330 Independence Ave., SW., Room G640, Washington, DC 20201, e-mail at BARDA@hhs.gov, or by phone at 202-260-0365.

Dated: September 16, 2010.

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Agency Information Collection Request; 30-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number,