

information collection, including its necessity, utility and clarity for the proper performance of the Conference's functions.

Dated: January 14, 2011.

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General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).

Title: Minority Business Center Program: Communication and Outreach.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Emergency submission (new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 775 (25 interviews and 750 on-line surveys).

Average Hours per Response: Interview, 45 minutes; on-line survey, 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 207.

Needs and Uses: This emergency review request will give authorization to MBDA to conduct two surveys (telephone interviews and on-line) of its clients, stakeholders, and the public to ascertain their views, perceptions, and opinions of MBDA's logo, programs, and collateral materials. The collected information will be used to revise/update its collateral materials, outreach strategies and program services in a manner that effectively matches the interests and needs of its core constituency and outreach strategies.

On April 1, 2011, MBDA will announce the recipients of its most recent grant competition. The recipients of the MBDA grant will operate a minority business center and will provide direct service to minority business owners. Approval of this request will make it possible for MBDA to use the findings from the collected information to make decisions about the collateral materials used for informing clients, stakeholders and the public about MBDA's programs, as well as to assist in developing more effective outreach strategies and business programming for the centers' openings.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas Fraser, (202) 395-5887.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by January 25, 2011 to Nicholas Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5806 or via the Internet at Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: January 18, 2011.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Effectiveness of Federal Agency Participation in Standardization in Select Technology Sectors for National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Standardization; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for information, extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology, on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Standards, announces the extension of the period for submission of comments responsive to the December 8, 2010 Request for Information on the effectiveness of Federal agencies' participation in the development and implementation of standards and conformity assessment activities and programs. The new comment period deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 7, 2011.

DATES: Comments are due by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments will be accepted by e-mail only. Comments should be sent to SOS_RFI@nist.gov with the

subject line "Standardization feedback for Sub-Committee on Standards." All comments received will be posted at: http://standards.gov/standards_gov/nstsubcommitteeonstandards.cfm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ajit Jillavenkatesa, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1060, 301-975-8519, ajit.jilla@nist.gov. Media inquiries may be directed to the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Office of Public and Business Affairs at inquiries@nist.gov or 301-975-NIST (6478).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 8, 2010, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), on behalf of the Sub-Committee on Standards under the National Science and Technology Council's Committee of Technology, published in the **Federal Register** a Request for Information with the objective of informing the development of case studies that will examine the effectiveness of Federal agencies' participation in standards-setting efforts led by the private sector (75 FR 76397) and to solicit public comment on this issue.

The original comment period was scheduled to end on February 7, 2011. As set forth in the Request for Information, the Sub-Committee on Standards is specifically interested in comments that address questions set out in the Request for Information, as they relate to the following technologies:

1. Smart Grid.
2. Health Information Technology.
3. Cyber Security.
4. Emergency Communications Interoperability.
5. Radioactivity Detectors and Radiation Monitors (ANSI N42.3x and N42.4x).
6. Other technologies involving significant Federal agency participation in standards setting.

NIST announces that the period for submission of comments responsive to the December 8, 2010 notice has been extended until 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 7, 2011 to allow the public additional time to submit input on the above subjects.

Dated: January 12, 2011.

Patrick Gallagher,

Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Co-Chair, National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Technology.

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