DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Resources and Services Administration publishes summaries of proposed data collection projects for public comment. Comments are invited regarding the following: (a) The necessity of the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program—NEW

The Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (GME) program (Section 340H of the Public Health Service Act) was established by Section 5508 of Public Law 111–148, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The program supports training for primary care residents (including residents in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine-pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, and geriatrics) in community-based ambulatory patient care settings.

The statute provides that eligible Teaching Health Centers receive payments for both direct and indirect costs associated with training residents in community-based ambulatory patient care centers. Direct payments are designed to compensate eligible Teaching Health Centers for those expenses directly associated with resident training, while indirect payments are intended to compensate for the additional costs of training residents in such programs. Payments are made at the beginning of the funding cycle; however, the statute provides for a reconciliation process, through which overpayments may be recouped and underpayments may be adjusted at the end of the fiscal year. This data collection instrument will gather information relating to the numbers of residents in Teaching Health Center GME training programs in order to reconcile payments for both direct and indirect costs.

The annual estimate of burden is as follows:

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To request more information on this proposed project or to obtain a copy of the draft data collection plans and instruments, e-mail paperwork@hsr.gov or call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer at (301) 443–1129.

E-mail comments to paperwork@hsr.gov or mail the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 10–33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.


Reva Harris,
Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Laboratory Animal Welfare: Proposed Adoption and Implementation of the Eighth Edition of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is extending the period for public comments on (1) NIH’s adoption of the eighth edition of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide) as a basis for evaluation of institutional programs receiving or proposing to receive Public Health Service (PHS) support for activities involving animals; and (2) if NIH decides to adopt the eighth edition of the Guide, NIH’s proposed implementation plan, which would require that institutions complete at least one semiannual program and facility evaluation using the eighth edition of the Guide as the basis for evaluation by March 31, 2012. NIH will consider comments on (1) the adoption of the Guide and (2) the implementation plan. The notice on the proposed adoption and implementation plan for the eighth edition of the Guide was published in the Federal Register on February 24, 2011 (76 FR 10379). The comment period is extended by 30 days and thus will end on April 24, 2011.


Reva Harris,
Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.

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DATES: Written comments on the adoption and implementation of the eighth edition of the Guide must be received by NIH on or before April 24, 2011 in order to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Public comments may be entered at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/guidecomments/add.htm. Comments will be made publicly available. Personally identifiable information (except organizational affiliations) will be removed prior to making comments publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, Office of Extramural Research, NIH, KKL1, Suite 360, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892–7982; telephone 301–496–7163.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Guide, first published in 1963, is a widely accepted primary reference on animal care and use. Recommendations in the Guide are based on published data, scientific principles, expert opinion, and experience with methods and practices that are determined to be consistent with high quality, humane animal care and use. The eighth edition of the Guide was published in January 2011 following a study by the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). The NAS study process began in 2008 and followed the requirements of Section 15 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The NAS study process is described at the NAS Web site: http://www.nationalacademies.org/studyprocess/index.html.

Since 1985, the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, authorized by Public Law 99–158, 42 U.S.C. 289d, and incorporated by reference at 42 CFR 52.8 and 42 CFR 52a.8, has required that institutions receiving PHS support for animal activities base their animal care and use programs on the current edition of the Guide and comply, as applicable, with the Animal Welfare Act and other Federal statutes and regulations relating to animal activities. The PHS Policy is applicable to all PHS-conducted or supported activities (including research, research training, experimentation or biological testing, or related purposes) involving live vertebrate animals.

The eighth edition of the Guide contains substantive changes and additions from the previous edition. To gain insight from institutions on the impact of changes to the Guide on their animal care and use programs, NIH seeks comments on whether it should adopt the eighth edition of the Guide. NIH simultaneously proposes an implementation plan for the eighth edition of the Guide and seeks comments on the proposed plan.

The implementation plan proposed by NIH would require institutions to complete at least one semiannual program and facility evaluation, using the eighth edition of the Guide as the basis for evaluation, by March 31, 2012. For such an evaluation to be considered complete by NIH, it would need to include reasonable and specific plans and schedules for corrections of deficiencies where appropriate.

II. Electronic Access


Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2011–0009]

President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management: Notice of an open Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will meet on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, via a conference call. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The NSTAC will meet Tuesday, April 19, 2011, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via a conference call. For access to the conference bridge, contact Ms. Sue Daage at (703) 235–4964 or by e-mail at sue.daage@dhs.gov by 5:00 p.m. April 12, 2011.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the “Summary” section below. Associated briefing materials that will be discussed on the conference call will be available at http://www.ncs.gov/nstac for review as of April 8, 2011. Written comments must be received by the Deputy Manager no later than April 12, 2011, identified by Federal Register Docket Number DHS–2011–0009 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: NSTAC@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the email message.
- Fax: (703) 235–4981.
- Mail: Deputy Manager, National Communications System, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Mail Stop 0615, Arlington, VA 20598–0615.

Instructions: All written submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Written comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket, background documents or comments received by the NSTAC, go to http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Madon, NSTAC Designated Federal Officer, Department of Homeland Security, telephone (703) 235–4900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463). The NSTAC advises the President on matters related to national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications policy.

The NSTAC Chair, Mr. James Crowe, will call the meeting to order and provide opening remarks. The NSTAC members will discuss and vote on the Communications Resiliency Report and receive an update on the cloud computing scoping effort.

Meeting Agenda:

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions
II. Discussion and Vote on the Communications Resiliency Report
III. Update on the Cloud Computing Scoping Effort
IV. Closing Remarks

Dated: March 18, 2011.

James Madon, Designated Federal Officer for the NSTAC.

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