NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request extension of a currently approved information collection used to permit the public and other Federal agencies to use its official seal(s) and/or logo(s). The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 23, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (ISP), Room 4400, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd., College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to (301) 713-7409; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number (301) 837-1694, or fax number (301) 713-7409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (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 the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Use of NARA Official Seals.
OMB number: 3095–0052.
Agency form number: N/A.
Type of review: Regular.
Affected public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal government.
Estimated number of respondents: 10.
Estimated time per response: 20 minutes.
Frequency of response: On occasion.
Estimated total annual burden hours: 3 hours.

Abstract: The authority for this information collection is contained in 36 CFR 1200.8. NARA’s three official seals are the National Archives and Records Administration seal; the National Archives seal; and the Nationals Archives Trust Fund Board seal. The official seals are used to authenticate various copies of official records in our custody and for other official NARA business. Occasionally, when criteria are met, we will permit the public and other Federal agencies to use our official seals. A written request must be submitted to use the official seals, which we approve or deny using specific criteria.

Dated: November 14, 2011.

Michael L. Wash,
Executive for Information Services/CIO.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION


AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NSF is hereby granting a limited program-specific exemption of section 1605 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Public Law 111–5, 123 Stat. 115, 303 (2009), for incidental items that comprise, in total, an amount that is no more than 5 percent of the total cost of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in and incorporated into a project funded through the Academic Research Infrastructure Recovery and Reinvestment Program.

DATES: November 23, 2011.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathleen Clark Baukin, Division of Grants and Agreements, (703) 292–8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and section 176.80 of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the National Science Foundation (NSF) hereby provides notice that on July 20, 2011, the NSF Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with a delegation order from the Director of the agency on 27 May 2010, granted a de minimis exemption of section 1605 of the Recovery Act (Buy American provision) with respect to incidental items that comprise, in total, an amount that is no more than 5 percent of the total cost of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in and incorporated into a project funded through the Academic Research Infrastructure—Recovery and Reinvestment Program. The basis for this exemption is section 1605(b)(1) of the Recovery Act, in that executing individual exemptions for many of the incidental items used in construction and renovation, such as nuts, bolts, wires, cables, switches, etc. is not in the public interest. The total cost of incidental items requiring use of this limited exemption is expected to be less than 5% of the total Recovery Act funds awarded under the Academic Research Infrastructure—Recovery and Reinvestment Program or less than $10,000,000. Award terms and conditions still require awardees to Buy American to the extent practicable for items within the de minimis part of the projects.

1. Background

The Recovery Act appropriated $200 million to NSF for projects being funded by the Foundations Academic Research Infrastructure—Recovery and Reinvestment Program (ARI). This Program funds renovation of infrastructure for research at academic institutions and non-profit research organizations.