SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Collection of Information

Title: FEMA Preparedness Grants: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program.

Type of information collection: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660–0124.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form 089–0–0–3, EOC Grant Program Investment Justification; FEMA Form 089–0–0–18, EOC Prioritization of Investment Justifications Template; FEMA Form 089–0–0–3A, EOC Investment Justification Scoring Worksheet.

Abstract: The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program is intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. Fully capable emergency operations facilities at the State, Territory, Local and/or Tribal levels are an essential element of a comprehensive national emergency management system and are necessary to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters caused by any hazard.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,456.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Average Hour Burden per Respondent: EOC Grant Program Investment Justification, FEMA Form 089–0–0–3, 8 hours; EOC Prioritization of Investment Justifications Template, FEMA Form 089–0–0–18, 5 hours 30 minutes; EOC Investment Justification Scoring Worksheet, FEMA Form 089–0–0–3A, 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,258 hours.

Estimated Cost: The estimated annual cost to respondents for the hour burden is $195,386.10. There are no annual costs to respondents operations and maintenance costs for technical services. There is no annual start-up or capital costs. The cost to the Federal Government is $340,762.85.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2012–0015; OMB No. 1660–0131]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; State Preparedness Report

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed extension, without change, of a currently approved collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning revision of the State Preparedness Report. The State Preparedness Report is a self-assessment tool for State, local and Tribal governments to evaluate and report on their targeted preparedness capability levels and current capability levels.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:


(2) Mail. Submit written comments to Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Room 835, Washington, DC 20472–3100.

(3) Facsimile. Submit comments to (703) 483–2999.

(4) Email. Submit comments to FEMA–POLICY@dhs.gov. Include Docket ID FEMA–2012–0015 in the subject line.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy R. Knight, Program Analyst, National Preparedness Assessment Division, 202–786–9670 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646–3347 or email address: FEMA–Information–Collections–Management@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (PKEMRA), and as amended by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, established an annual requirement for a State Preparedness Report (SPR). Its contents are submitted 15 months after the date of enactment of the PKEMRA, and annually thereafter. This information collection will collect preparedness data from states and territories to fulfill the Congressional mandate for the SPR.

The nature of the information is a self-assessment of disaster preparedness, performed by State, Local, and Tribal Government. This will include an assessment of current capability levels and a description of target capability levels. The source of the information will be determined by each survey respondent, but will typically involve the subject matter expertise of emergency management personnel and other homeland security personnel.

Collection of Information

Title: State Preparedness Report.

Type of Information Collection: Extension, without change, of a previously approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660–0131.

Form Titles and Numbers: None.

Abstract: This State Preparedness Report is a Web-based survey that is combined with the National Incident Management System Compliance Assessment Support Tool (NIMSCAST) that will be used to respond to the congressional mandate for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to conduct nationwide assessments of emergency preparedness.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,696.

Estimated Cost: There are no recordkeeping, capital, start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

Comments: Comments may be submitted as indicated in the ADDRESSES caption.
above. Comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Dated: April 5, 2012.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2008–0010]

Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Open Federal Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy (Board) will meet on April 25 and 26, 2012. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, and Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST. Please note that the meeting may close early if the Board has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Emergency Training Center, Building H, Room 300, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Members of the public who wish to obtain details on how to gain access to the facility and directions may contact Ruth MacPhail as listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by close of business April 20, 2012. A picture identification is needed for access. For information on services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, contact Ruth MacPhail as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Board as listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than April 20, 2012, and must be identified by docket ID FEMA–2008–0010 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Email: FEMA–RULES@dhs.gov. Include the docket ID in the subject line of the message.
• Fax: 703–483–2999.
• Mail: Ruth MacPhail, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the docket ID for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

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

Public comments will be requested prior to discussion and deliberation of each agenda item. Speakers will be afforded 5 minutes to make comments. Contact Ruth MacPhail to register as a speaker.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth MacPhail, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727, telephone (301) 447–1117, fax (301) 447–1173, and email: ruth.macphail@fema.dhs.gov.


Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to review annually the programs of the National Fire Academy (Academy) and advise the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the United States Fire Administrator, regarding the operation of the Academy and any improvements therein that the Board deems appropriate. The Board makes interim advisories to the Administrator of FEMA, through the United States Fire Administrator, whenever there is an indicated urgency to do so in fulfilling its duties. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board examines Academy programs to determine whether these programs further the basic missions which are approved by the Administrator of FEMA, examines the physical plant of the Academy to determine the adequacy of the Academy’s facilities, and examines the funding levels for Academy programs. The Board submits an annual report through the United States Fire Administrator to the Administrator of FEMA, in writing. The report provides detailed comments and recommendations regarding the operation of the Academy.

Agenda

The Board will review and approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012, meeting. The Board will review Academy program activities including Academy online courses, the development of new online courses, current curriculum, anticipated FY 2012 curriculum developments, and the preliminary agenda for the June, 2012, FESHE conference. The Academy will report on the progress of the American Council on Education (ACE) review findings, prerequisites for acceptance into the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP), and a new Student Identification Number (SIN) procedure being implemented through the NFA Admissions process.

The Board will review the status of the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) Recognition program and the status of Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE)/FESHE Adobe Connect sessions. The Board will discuss deferred maintenance and capital improvements on the NETC campus, to include FY 2012 Budget Planning, and National Fire Programs update. The Board will review and consider reports from the Applicant Outreach Subcommittee and FESHE/Professional Development Subcommittee.

The Board will tour the National Fire Academy physical plant to assess facility upgrades and plans for continued improvements and will observe Academy classes in session.

After deliberation, the Board will recommend actions to the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy and the Administrator of FEMA.

Denis G. O’neal, Superintendent, National Fire Academy, United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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