SUMMARY:

The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to restate Information Collection Request (ICR) 3124–0009, E-Appeal/US Merit Systems Protection Board Appeal Form which expired on March 31, 2012. This ICR is necessary for individuals who file appeals with MSPB. The form serves as a guide to appellants in providing all needed information. The MSPB is requesting emergency reinstatement approval from OMB by November 27, 2012. A revised version of the MSPB Appeal Form (Form 185) was approved by OMB on November 5, 2012. At this time, MSPB is requesting public comments on the previous version of Form 185, which is available for review on MSPB’s Web site at http://www.mspb.gov/appeals/forms.htm.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 23, 2012.

ADDRESS: Submit comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for MSPB, via fax at 202–395–6974 or email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact William D. Spencer, Clerk of the Board, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20419; telephone 202–653–7200; fax 202–653–7130; or email mspb@mspb.gov. Persons without Internet access may request a paper copy of the MSPB Appeal Form from the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

Previous Version of MSPB Appeal Form 185

A revised version of Form 185 was included in the Federal Register notice published on October 29, 2012. (See 77 FR 65586.) That ICR request was approved by OMB on November 5, 2012. The MSPB now requests emergency reinstatement of the same ICR but with the previous version of Form 185.

We are concerned that the abrupt implementation of the revised version of the form will be confusing to the parties appearing before MSPB. Indeed, if we implement the revised version only to modify it further following the requisite notice-and-comment periods under the Paperwork Reduction Act, we believe that it will add to any confusion and result in inefficiencies in processing appeals. Most significantly, it will take longer than anticipated to implement a revised form in our e-Appeal Online filing system. This delay will create further confusion for e-filers. Upon approval of this ICR by OMB, we will publish a 60-day notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment on the revised version of Form 185 and begin the process of incorporating and testing the revisions in a non-production environment with e-Appeal Online.

Estimated Reporting Burden

In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, MSPB is soliciting comments on the public reporting burden for this information collection. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to 4 hours, with an average of 60 minutes per response, including time for reviewing the form and instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data necessary, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Specifically, MSPB invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSPB’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
I. Abstract

In accordance with Executive Order 13506 establishing the White House Council on Women and Girls, the Women@NASA Program was created to provide mentoring opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines for female students. To support the White House Educate To Innovate campaign, the Women@NASA Program was expanded to offer an equivalent program for young males called NASA Building Outstanding Young Scientists (BOYS). Both programs are designed to engage underrepresented rising 5th–8th grade students in a one-on-one virtual mentoring experience, under parental/adult supervision, one hour per week for a five-week period. Participants will be selected from a diverse set of geographical locations across the USA.

This clearance request pertains to the collection of information associated with the administration of electronic application forms, parental consent forms, and pre and post parent/student surveys. Surveys are designed to gauge participant interest in STEM subjects before and after the virtual mentoring experience, measure the program impact, access the effectiveness of the virtual mentoring approach and identify opportunities for improvement.

II. Method of Collection

Electronic.

III. Data

Title: NASA Girls and Boys Virtual Mentoring Program.

OMB Number: 2700–XXXX

Type of review: New Information Collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,800.

Estimated Time per Response: Variable.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,600.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $170,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.