

request the required information. Consequently, it was determined that 14,628 unique vendors was a sufficient baseline for estimating the number of respondents that would need to comply with this information collection.

An adjustment is being made regarding the estimated number of five annual responses, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 62540 on October 12, 2010, to a more appropriate estimate of 1 response annually (i.e., the number a subcontractor would request this information). This adjustment results in a decrease of the estimated burden on the public from 15,872.50 hours to 3,657 hours.

*Respondents:* 14,628.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Responses:* 14,628.

*Hours per Response:* .25.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,657.

**C. Public Comments**

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000-0135, Prospective Subcontractor Requests for Bonds, in all correspondence.

Dated: September 10, 2013.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Document Identifier: HHS-OS-20518-60D]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR is for extension of the approved information collection assigned OMB control number OS-0990-0323, which expires on 30 April 2014. Prior to submitting that ICR to OMB, OS seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on the ICR must be received on or before November 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to *Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov* or by calling (202) 690-6162.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information Collection Clearance staff, *Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov* or (202) 690-6162.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier HHS-OS-20518-60D for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Medical Countermeasures.gov

*Abstract:* In order to route product developers to the most appropriate personnel within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), HHS collects some basic information about the company's product through Medical Countermeasures.gov. Using this information and a routing system that has been developed with input from participating agencies within HHS, including the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Medical Countermeasures.gov routes the meeting request to the appropriate person within HHS. ASPR is requesting an extension by OMB for a three-year clearance.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* Meeting Request Routing System for Medical Countermeasures.gov—OMB No. 0990-0323—Extension—Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Office of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA).

*Likely Respondents:* Medical Countermeasure Developers.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions, to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information, and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

**TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS**

| Form name             | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total burden hours |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Meeting Request ..... | 225                   | 1                                  | 8/60                                   | 30                 |
| Total .....           | 225                   | 1                                  | 8/60                                   | 30                 |

OS specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the

proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques

or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**Darius Taylor,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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#### Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

**AGENCY:** Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. This is necessary to ensure compliance with an initiative of the Administration. We are requesting an emergency review under 5 CFR Part 1320(a)(2)(i) because public harm is reasonably likely to result if the normal clearance procedures are followed. The approval of the data collection tools for outcomes and operational metrics is essential to ensuring that State-based Marketplaces provide substantive operational and

monitoring data to CMS in a uniform format from the beginning of the enrollment period, October 1, 2013. Without an emergency clearance process, systematic data collection would not begin until well into the open enrollment period, and states would have to delay critical steps to integrating this reporting into their information systems. Without consistent data, we will be limited in our ability to effectively track states' progress and identify problems during this crucial early implementation period.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges; *Use:* All States (including the 50 States, consortia of States, Territories, and the District of Columbia herein referred to as States) that received a State Planning and Establishment Grant for Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Exchanges are eligible for the Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State Operated Insurance Exchanges. Section 1311 of the Affordable Care Act offers the opportunity for each State to establish an Exchange [now referred to as Marketplace], and provides for grants to States for the planning and establishment of these Exchanges. Given the innovative nature of Exchanges and the statutorily-prescribed relationship between the Secretary and States in their development and operation, it is critical that the Secretary work closely with States to provide necessary guidance and technical assistance to ensure that States can meet the prescribed timelines, Federal requirements, and goals of the statute.

In order to provide appropriate and timely guidance and technical assistance, the Secretary must have access to timely, periodic information regarding State progress. Consequently, the information collection associated with these grants is essential to facilitating reasonable and appropriate federal monitoring of funds, providing statutorily-mandated assistance to States to implement Exchanges in accordance with Federal requirements, and to ensure that States have all necessary information required to proceed, such that retrospective corrective action can be minimized.

The submitted revision adds lists and suggested data reporting formats for Outcomes and Operational Metrics to states' data collection requirements; we will use the resulting data to evaluate Marketplace performance and overall effectiveness of the ACA. Key areas of

measurement are the effectiveness of eligibility determination and enrollment processes, impact on affordability for consumers, and the effect of Marketplace participation on health insurances markets. Furthermore, these metrics facilitate actionable feedback and technical assistance to States for quality improvement efforts during the critical early period of operations. This funding opportunity was first released on January 20, 2011. *Form Number:* CMS-10371(OCN: 0938-1121); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 40; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,475; *Total Annual Hours:* 64,695. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Christina Daw at 301-492-4181.)

We are requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by September 23, 2013, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendation will be considered from the public if received by the individuals designated below by the noted deadline below.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995> or Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by September 23, 2013:

1. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier (CMS-10371), Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850 and,

OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington,