

ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are understandable, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is correct. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act, or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

The Standards on Construction Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502) and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503) ensure that employers provide the required fall protection for their workers. Accordingly, these standards have the following paperwork requirements: Paragraphs (c)(4)(ii) and (k) of 29 CFR 1926.502, which specify certification of safety nets and development of fall protection plans, respectively, and paragraph (b) of 29 CFR 1926.503, which requires employers to certify training records. The training certification requirement specified in paragraph (b) of 29 CFR 1926.503 documents the training provided to workers potentially exposed to fall hazards in construction. A competent person must train these workers to recognize fall hazards and in the use of procedures and equipment that minimize these hazards. An employer must verify compliance with this training requirement by preparing and maintaining a written certification record that contains the name or other identifier of the worker receiving the training, the date(s) of the training, and the signature of the competent person who conducted the training, or of the employer.

## II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

## III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the collection of information requirements contained in the Construction Standards on Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502) and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503). OSHA is requesting a 33,076 burden hour reduction, from 457,108 hours to 424,032, as a result of decreasing the number of affected workers based on more recent data. The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Construction Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502) and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0197.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Responses:* 5,291,439.

*Frequency of Recordkeeping:* On occasion, annually.

*Average Time per Response:* Time per response ranges from 5 minutes (.08 hour) to certify a safety net to 1 hour to develop a fall protection plan.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 424,032.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

## IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:

- (1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal;
- (2) by facsimile (fax); or
- (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for this ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2010-0008). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your full name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of

comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY) (877) 889-5627).

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through this Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site to submit comments and access the docket is available at the Web site's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the Web site, and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

## V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 24, 2013.

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Interim Final Appendix D of OMB Circular No. A-123, "Management's Responsibility for Internal Control," and Suspension of Application of OMB Circular No. A-127, "Financial Management Systems"

September 27, 2013.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** OMB Circular No. A-123, "Management's Responsibility for Internal Control," defines management's responsibility for internal control in Federal agencies. OMB Circular No. A-127, "Financial Management Systems," previously prescribed policies and

standards for executive departments and agencies to follow in developing, operating, evaluating, and reporting on financial management systems. OMB is issuing this interim final version of a new appendix, Appendix D, to Circular A-123, to provide a framework for determining compliance with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) of 1996, bringing financial systems policy into greater alignment with financial management policy in Circular A-123 and with general IT guidance contained in OMB Circular No. A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources." The new appendix to Circular A-123 supersedes, and makes it no longer necessary to maintain, Circular A-127. Accordingly, OMB is suspending application of Circular A-127.

**DATES:** The interim final version of Appendix D to OMB Circular No. A-123 is effective October 1, 2013. Comments on the interim final revision must be received on or before October 31, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted electronically at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). In submitting comments, please search for recent submissions, which includes the full text of the new appendix to Circular A-123, and submit comments there.

**To View This Issuance:** The complete text of Appendix D of Circular A-123 is available on the OMB Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2013/m-13-23.pdf> under "Memoranda 2013." Copies of the OMB Circulars that are discussed in this notice are available on OMB's Web site at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_default/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default/).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about this interim final action, contact Michael S. Wetklow, Chief, Accountability, Performance, and Reporting Branch within OMB's Office of Federal Financial Management ([mwetklow@omb.eop.gov](mailto:mwetklow@omb.eop.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB is issuing a new appendix, Appendix D, to Circular A-123. The new appendix states new requirements for determining compliance with the FFMIA. In particular, the new appendix:

- Replaces "check the box" compliance approaches with an outcome based approach to assess FFMIA compliance and establishes a series of financial management goals that are common to all Federal agencies;
- Removes unnecessary financial management system requirements that drive complexity and cost and focuses

on requirements that emphasize the Federal Government's business and information needs;

- Eliminates the lengthy and resource intense financial system software test and certification program as well as the requirement that financial management system requirements be met through a single technology product and emphasizes the deployment of newer, cost-effective technology through shared service approaches; and

- Solidifies the Department of the Treasury's role in achieving Government-wide financial systems policy goals by adding responsibilities (1) to develop and maintain, in coordination with OMB and Federal agencies, Federal financial management system requirements and (2) to publish the requirements in the *Treasury Financial Manual*.

The new appendix builds on recent policies, including OMB Memorandum M-10-26 of June 28, 2010, *Immediate Review of Financial Systems IT Projects* ([http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/memoranda\\_2010/m-10-26.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/memoranda_2010/m-10-26.pdf)), and Memorandum M-13-08 of March 25, 2013, *Improving Financial Systems through Shared Services* (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2013/m-13-08.pdf>).

The new appendix is effective October 1, 2013. The new appendix supersedes, and makes it unnecessary to maintain, Circular A-127. Accordingly, OMB is suspending application of Circular A-127.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 78 FR 40518, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously

with the publication of this second notice. The full submission (including comments) may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**DATES:** Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Comments:** Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays).

**Title of Collection:** Grantee Reporting Requirements for Partnerships for Research and Education in Materials (PREM).

**OMB Number:** 3145-NEW

**Type of Request:** Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection.