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Dated: February 4, 2014.

**Bahar Niakan,**

*Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

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

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden

estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on this Information Collection Request must be received within 60 days of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 10-29, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443-1984.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

**Information Collection Request Title: Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program (Delta States Grant Program)**

*OMB No. 0915-xxxx—New.*

*Abstract:* The Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program supports projects that demonstrate evidence based and/or promising approaches around cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or obesity in order to improve health status in rural communities throughout the Delta Region. Key features of programs are collaboration, adoption of an evidence-based approach, demonstration of health outcomes, program replicability, and sustainability.

**Need and Proposed Use of the Information**

For this program, performance measures were drafted to provide data useful to the program and to enable HRSA to provide aggregate program data required by Congress under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62). These measures cover the principal topic areas of interest to the Office of Rural Health Policy (OPRHP), including: (a) Access to care; (b) the underinsured and uninsured; (c) workforce recruitment and retention; (d) sustainability; (e) health information technology; (f) network development; and (g) health related clinical measures. Several measures will be used for this program. These measures will speak to ORHP's progress toward meeting the goals set.

*Likely Respondents:* Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program award recipients.

*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 Information Collection Request are summarized in the table below.

**TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program Performance Improvement Measurement System measures .....	12	1	12	6	72
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>72</b>

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

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