

offerors on Government contracts must complete the certificate of independent price determination. An offer will not be considered for award where the certificate has been deleted or modified. Deletions or modifications of the certificate and suspected false certificates are reported to the Attorney General (see FAR 3.103–2 Evaluating the Certification).

The information collection is required each time an offeror responds to a solicitation for firm-fixed price contract or fixed-price economic price adjustment contract unless the acquisition is: (1) Made under the simplified acquisition threshold; (2) at the request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or (3) for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation. The FAR rule requires a Certificate of Independent Price Determination so that contractors certify that the prices in their offer have been arrived at independently, have not been or will not be knowingly disclosed, and have not been submitted for the purpose of restricting competition. This clause does not apply to commercial items.

2. *Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (FAR 52.203–13)*. This clause implements Government policy and Public Law 110–252, Title VI (Close the Contractor Fraud Loophole Act). It requires contractors to notify the respective agency Office of Inspector General when the contractor has credible evidence that the contractor's principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor committed a violation of certain Federal criminal laws, or a violation of the Civil False Claims Act.

The objective of the notification requirement is to emphasize the critical importance of integrity in contracting and reduce the occurrence of improper or criminal conduct in connection with the award and performance of Federal contracts and subcontracts. Information obtained from the notification requirements will be provided to the agency Inspector General by the contractor.

3. *Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest (FAR 52.203–16)*. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 2303, this clause requires contractors and subcontractors to: (a) Identify and prevent personal conflicts of interest of their covered employees; and (b) prohibit covered employees who have access to non-public information by reason of performance on a Government contract from using such information for personal gain. Contractors are required to notify contracting officers whenever they become aware of any personal conflict of interest violations by a covered

employee. The objective of the notification requirement is to emphasize the critical importance of integrity in contracting and reduce the occurrence of improper or criminal conduct in connection with the award and performance of Federal contracts and subcontracts. Information obtained from the notification requirements will be provided to the agency Inspector General by the contractor. In addition, contractors have the opportunity, in exceptional circumstances, to request mitigation or waiver of the personal conflict-of-interest standards. The information is used by the Government to evaluate the requested mitigation/waiver.

The information provided to and by contractors in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.203–16 is used by the contractor and the contracting officer to identify and mitigate personal conflicts of interest in compliance with Government policy to (a) identify and prevent personal conflicts of interest of covered employees; and (b) prohibit covered employees who have access to non-public information by reason of performance on a Government contract from using such information for personal gain (FAR 3.1102).

## B. Annual Reporting Burden

### 1. *Certification of Independent Price Determination (FAR 52.203–2)*.

*Respondents:* 24,270.

*Responses annually:* 30.

*Total annual responses:* 721,200.

*Estimated hrs/response:* .25.

*Estimated total burden/hrs:* 180,300.

### 2. *Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (FAR 52.203–13)*.

*Respondents:* 278.

*Responses per respondent:* 1.

*Total annual responses:* 278.

*Preparation hours per response:* 60.

*Total response burden hours:* 16,680.

### 3. *Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest (FAR 52.203–16)*.

*Respondents:* 120.

*Responses per respondent:* 1.

*Total responses:* 120.

*Burden hours per response:* 30.

*Total response burden hours:* 3,600.

*Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Number of recordkeepers:* 8,598.

*Records per recordkeeper per year:* 25.

*Total annual records:* 214,950.

*Estimated hours per record:* 2.0.

*Total recordkeeping burden hours:* 429,900.

### 4. *Total (counting recordkeepers with respondents)*.

*Recordkeepers and respondents:*

33,266.

*Responses:* 721,598.

*Hours (reporting and recordkeeping):* 707,862.

## 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 Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Sosa/IC 9000–0018, telephone 202–501–4755.

Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0018, Certification of Independent Price Determination, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Compliance, and Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 22, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The notice for the proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address any of the following: (a) Evaluate whether the

proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies 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; (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; and (e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice should be directed to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Information Collections to Advance State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Governmental Agency and

System Performance, Capacity, and Program Delivery (OMB Control No. 0920-0879, Exp. 3/31/2018)—Extension—Office for State, Tribal Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The mission of the Department of Health and Human Services is to help provide the building blocks that Americans need to live healthy, successful lives. As part of HHS, CDC’s mission is to create the expertise, information, and tools that people and communities need to protect their health—through health promotion, prevention of disease, injury and disability, and preparedness for new health threats. CDC and HHS seek to accomplish its mission by collaborating with partners throughout the nation and the world to: Monitor health, detect and investigate health problems, conduct research to enhance prevention, develop and advocate sound public health policies, implement prevention strategies, promote healthy behaviors, foster safe and healthful environments, and provide leadership and training.

CDC is requesting a three-year approval for a generic clearance to collect information related to domestic public health issues and services that affect and/or involve state, tribal, local and territorial (STLT) government entities.

The respondent universe is comprised of STLT governmental staff or delegates

acting on behalf of a STLT agency involved in the provision of essential public health services in the United States. Delegate is defined as a governmental or non-governmental agent (agency, function, office or individual) acting for a principal or submitted by another to represent or act on their behalf. The STLT agency is represented by a STLT entity or delegate with a task to protect and/or improve the public’s health.

Information will be used to assess situational awareness of current public health emergencies; make decisions that affect planning, response and recovery activities of subsequent emergencies; fill CDC and HHS gaps in knowledge of programs and/or STLT governments that will strengthen surveillance, epidemiology, and laboratory science; improve CDC’s support and technical assistance to states and communities. CDC and HHS will conduct brief data collections, across a range of public health topics related to essential public health services.

CDC estimates up to 30 data collections with STLT governmental staff or delegates, and 10 data collections with local/county/city governmental staff or delegates will be conducted on an annual basis. Ninety-five percent of these data collections will be web-based and five percent telephone, in-person, and focus groups. The total annualized burden of 54,000 hours is based on the following estimates.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per respondent (in hours)
State, Territorial, or Tribal government staff or delegate.	Web, telephone, in-person, focus group .....	800	30	1
Local/County/City government staff or delegate.	Web, telephone, in-person, focus group .....	3,000	10	1

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS’ intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any