

EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST BURDEN

Form name	Number of respondents/ POCs	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate*	Total cost burden
Registration Form	11	1	^a 40.95	\$41
Data Use Agreement	86	22	^b 93.44	2,056
Data Files Submission	11	110	^c 40.95	4,505
Total	108	133	NA	6,602

* National Compensation Survey: Occupational wages in the United States May 2016, "U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics." (a) and (c) Based on the mean hourly wages for Computer Programmer (15–1131). (b) Based on the mean hourly wage for Chief Executives (11–1011). https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm.

Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, comments on AHRQ's information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ's health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency's subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–18–0850; Docket No. CDC–2018–0088]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Laboratory Response Network to maintain an integrated national and international network of laboratories that can respond to suspected acts of biological, chemical, or radiological terrorism and other public health emergencies.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before December 3, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2018–0088 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7570; Email: omb@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. 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;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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 submissions of responses.
5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

Laboratory Response Network Information Collection (OMB Control No. 0920–0850, Exp. Date: 4/30/2019)—Extension—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious

Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CDC is requesting a 3-year extension without change to the data collection plan or tools for Laboratory Response Network (OMB Control No. 0920-0850, Exp. Date: April 30, 2019). The only change is a decrease in the estimated burden from 2,382,300 to 2,064,660 annual hours. The decrease is due to a decrease in the number of LRN member laboratories from 150 to 130 laboratories.

The Laboratory Response Network (LRN) was established by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in accordance with Presidential Decision Directive 39, which outlined national anti-terrorism policies and assigned specific missions to federal departments and agencies. The LRN's mission is to maintain an integrated national and international network of laboratories that can respond to suspected acts of biological, chemical, or radiological terrorism and other public health emergencies.

Federal, state and local public health laboratories join the LRN voluntarily. When laboratories join, they assume specific responsibilities and are required to provide information to the LRN Program Office at CDC. Each laboratory must submit and maintain complete information regarding the testing capabilities of the laboratory. Biennially, laboratories are required to review, verify and update their testing capability information. This information is needed so that the LRN Program Office can determine the ability of the Network to respond to a biological or chemical terrorism event. The sensitivity of all information associated with the LRN requires that CDC obtain personal information about all individuals accessing the LRN website. Since CDC must be able to contact all laboratory personnel during an event, each laboratory staff member who obtains access to the restricted LRN website must provide his or her contact information to the LRN Program Office.

As a requirement of membership, LRN laboratories must report all biological and chemical testing results to the LRN Program using a CDC developed software tool called the LRN Results Messenger, or through the laboratory information management system (LIMS) which CDC refers to as Data Integration. CDC supplies this software to LRN laboratories at no charge. This information obtained from LRN laboratories is essential for surveillance of anomalies, to support response to an event that may involve multiple agencies, and to manage limited resources.

LRN laboratories are also required to participate in Proficiency Testing Challenges or Validation Studies and report their results to CDC. LRN laboratories participate in multiple Proficiency Testing Challenges, Exercises and/or Validation Studies every year. These activities consist of 5-500 simulated samples provided by CDC. These challenges are necessary to verify the testing capability of the LRN laboratories. Because biological or chemical agents perceived to be of bioterrorism concern can occur rarely, some LRN laboratories may not be maintaining proficiency in certain testing methods as a result of day-to-day testing. Thus, simulated samples are distributed to ensure proficiency across LRN member laboratories. LRN laboratories also enter the results of these simulated samples into the LRN Results Messenger or through Data Integration for evaluation by CDC.

During a surge event resulting from a bioterrorism or chemical terrorism attack, or during an emerging infectious disease outbreak, LRN Laboratories must submit all testing results using LRN Results Messenger or through Data Integration. CDC uses these results in order to track the progression of a bioterrorism event, responds in the most efficient and effective way possible, and shares this data with other Federal partners involved in the response.

Data is collected via two primary avenues, the program LRN Results Messenger or through Data Integration and the LRN website. Laboratories

belonging to the Laboratory Response Network utilize the CDC developed software tool LRN Results Messenger to submit testing results to CDC. Data Integration through the Laboratory Information Management System Integration (LIMS*i*) is an effort parallel to the LRN Results Messenger, which will ultimately allow laboratories to submit data to CDC using their own data collection systems. Results include details about the type and source of samples as well as the tests performed and the numerical and empirical results of those tests. The LRN website is used by laboratories to provide their complete testing capabilities to CDC. All individuals who use the LRN website must provide their contact information to the LRN Program Office during registration.

An LRN laboratory must provide its testing capabilities, physical and shipping addresses, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Select Agent Permits, and specified responsible individuals' names, phone numbers and email addresses. After registering with the LRN website, a user must provide his/her first and last name, work phone number, alternate phone number, email address, and month and day of birth. During reporting of results, sample details, tests performed, results obtained, and conclusions of tests are required.

Accomplishments during the last three years include the requalification of labs. The requalification occurred between October 24, 2014 and November 7, 2016 and December 12, 2016. We had 130 domestic LRN labs tasked with completing the requalification. We had a 96% response rate. The LRN website has remained the same, and has only undergone routine maintenance since 2015 to keep it in working order. This data collection is authorized under the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241) Section 301. CDC has estimated the annualized burden for this project to be 2,064,660 hours, a decrease of 317,640 hours per year. There is no cost to respondents other than the time to participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Forms	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Total burden hours
Public Health Laboratories	Biennial Requalification	130	1	2	260
	General Surveillance Testing Results.	130	25	24	78,000
	Proficiency Testing/Validation Testing Results.	130	5	56	36,400

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Respondents	Forms	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Total burden hours
	Surge Event Testing Results	130	625	24	1,950,000
Total	2,064,660

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60 Day–18–1090; Docket No. CDC–2018–0089]

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ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed revision of information collection project titled Formative and Summative Evaluation of Scaling the National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) in Underserved Areas. This revision is to allow CDC to continue collecting the information needed to assess the effectiveness of its program, “Scaling the National DPP in Underserved Areas”, and to collect more targeted information on CDC grantees’ success in reaching both general and priority populations in underserved areas.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before December 3, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2018–0089 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

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5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

Formative and Summative Evaluation of Scaling the National Diabetes Prevention Program in Underserved Areas (OMB No. 0920–1090, exp. 12/31/2018)—Revision—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The CDC-led National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) is a partnership of public and private organizations working collectively to build the infrastructure for nationwide delivery of an evidence-based lifestyle change program to prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes among adults with prediabetes. The National DPP lifestyle change program is founded on the science of the Diabetes Prevention Program research study, and several translation studies that followed, which showed that making modest behavior changes helped people with prediabetes lose 5% to 7% of their body weight and reduce their risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by 58% (71% for people over 60 years old). From 2012 to 2017, CDC funded six national organizations through a cooperative agreement to establish and expand multistate networks of over 200 program delivery organizations that are able to meet national standards and achieve the outcomes proven to prevent or delay onset of Type 2 diabetes. CDC has conducted a formative and summative evaluation of this program and used the