

Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Mandell/IC 3090–XXXX; CDP Supply Chain Climate Change Information Request.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 3090–XXXX; CDP Supply Chain Climate Change Information Request, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jed Ela, Sustainability Advisor, Office of Government-Wide Policy, at jed.ela@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The CDP Supply Chain Climate Change Information Request is an electronic questionnaire designed to collect information pertinent to organizations' exposure to energy market and environmental risks. The questionnaire is administered by GDP North America, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization ("CDP"). CDP administers the questionnaire annually to companies on behalf of over 650 institutional investors and over 100 major purchasing corporations and governmental purchasing organizations. In accordance with 31 U.S. Code 3512(c)(1)(b), GSA will use the information collected via this questionnaire to inform and develop purchasing policies and contract requirements necessary to safeguard Federal assets against waste, loss, and misappropriation resulting from unmitigated exposure to energy market and environmental risks.

B. Annual Burden Hours

Frequency: Annual.

Affected Public: Federal contractors.

Number of Respondents: 250.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Annual Responses: 250.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 4.8 hrs.

Total Burden Hours: 1210.

C. Discussion and Analysis

A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 83 FR 32298 on July 12, 2018. One comment was received. The American Fuel and Petrochemical

Manufacturers (AFPM) submitted the only comment to that notice.

Comment: AFPM stated that it "supports the use of data obtained from thorough and objective analysis of industry sector risks, opportunities, and overall performance." AFPM also requested that GSA "abandon its plan to use CDP data in contract decisions" because, in AFPM's view, CDP's proprietary scoring methods are unreliable, and using CDP data for contract selection would contradict the intent of E.O. 13783 and constitute a *de facto* requirement to disclose information to CDP. AFPM recommended that GSA rely instead upon information from a variety of other sources.

Response: GSA has no plan to use CDP data for purposes of contract selection or eligibility. GSA plans to use voluntarily provided CDP data, alongside other data sources as recommended by AFPM, as general market research to better inform its business needs, including its needs for products and services which minimize waste and business risks, and to learn more about available products and services that meet these needs. GSA is required by 31 U.S. Code 3512(c)(1)(b) to safeguard Federal assets against waste, loss, and misappropriation. GSA is also required by E.O. 13834 (signed May 17, 2018) to meet statutory requirements "in a manner that increases efficiency, optimizes performance, eliminates unnecessary use of resources, and protects the environment" and to "reduce waste, cut costs, [and] enhance the resilience of Federal infrastructure and operations." E.O. 13834, *Efficient Federal Operations*, 83 FR 23771. This collection will provide GSA with a variety of information needed to implement these mandates to reduce waste and minimize risks of disruption to critical operations. Given these considerations, GSA does not believe changes to the Information Collection Request (ICR) are appropriate.

Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary, 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.

Dated: October 4, 2018.

David A. Shive,

Chief Information Officer.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0290; Docket No. 2018–0001; Sequence No. 16]

Submission for OMB Review; System for Award Management Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients

AGENCY: Office of the Integrated Award Environment, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding revisions to an existing OMB information collection.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve revisions to the currently approved information collection requirement regarding the pre-award registration requirements for federal Prime Grant Recipients. These revisions will enable non-Federal entities to complete governmentwide certifications and representations for Federal financial assistance at the time of registration in the System for Award Management (SAM).

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 14, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number 3090–0290. Select the link "Comment Now" that corresponds with "Information Collection 3090–0290, System for Award Management Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients". Follow the instructions provided on the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 3090–0290, System for

Award Management Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients” on your attached document.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Mandell/IC 3090–0290.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 3090–0290, System for Award Management Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Goode, Program Manager, IAE Outreach and Stakeholder Management Division, at telephone number 703–605–2175; or via email at nancy.goode@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

This information collection requires information necessary for prime applicants and recipients, excepting individuals, of Federal grants to register in the System for Award Management (SAM) and maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which they have an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by an agency pursuant to 2 CFR Subtitle A, Chapter I, and Part 25 (75 FR 55673 as amended at 79 FR 75879). 2 CFR Subtitle A, Chapter I, and Part 25 designates SAM as the governmentwide repository for standard information about applicants and recipients. 2 CFR Subtitle A, Chapter II, and Part 200 (80 FR 43308) also designates SAM as the system recipients are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings if they meet certain conditions. Further, Federal awarding agencies are required to check SAM for pre-award purposes in accordance with 2 CFR part 180. This information collection requires that all prime grant awardees, subject to the requirements in 2 CFR Subtitle A, Chapter I, and Part 25 register and maintain their registration in SAM.

Pursuant to 2 CFR Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200, Subpart C, Section 200.208 Certifications and representations,

Federal agencies are authorized to require non-Federal entities to submit certifications and representations required by Federal statutes, or regulations on an annual basis. Currently, most Federal agencies require non-Federal entities to submit certifications with each Federal assistance application by use of the Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF–424B) and on an annual basis thereafter.

To streamline this data collection and to reduce burden, OMB, in conjunction with the Federal assistance community, developed standard governmentwide certifications and representations to be certified by the non-Federal entity when registering in SAM. In Fiscal Year 2019, OMB will reemphasize that SAM is the repository for standard information about applicants and recipients and that the standard governmentwide certifications and representations are to be certified within SAM at the time of registration and/or registration renewal should meet the need of governmentwide certifications and representations. This will reduce the unnecessary, duplicative practice of agencies requesting certifications and representations with the submission of each application and lead to phasing out the use of the SF–424B, thereby decreasing the burden level of Federal grant recipients and Federal agencies.

B. Discussion and Analysis

A 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** at 83 FR 24311 on May 25, 2018. Five respondent’s comments were received. The following are summaries of those comments and GSA’s responses:

Comment: The respondent stated support for this proposal, citing that hard copies of assurance forms are signed multiple times throughout the year. By incorporating the assurances into the SAM registration, the processing of grants and cooperative agreements would be streamlined, thereby reducing the paperwork burden for both their agency and their subrecipients.

Response: GSA agrees that incorporating grants certifications and representation into the SAM registration process will result in a burden reduction for grantees, subrecipients and federal awarding agencies.

Comment: The respondent stated their support for incorporating governmentwide certifications and representations in SAM to reduce the duplicative collection of such documents by multiple Federal agencies.

Response: GSA agrees that incorporating grants certifications and representations into the SAM registration process will reduce the duplicative collection of such documents.

Comment: One respondent questioned whether non-Federal entities self-identify if they are (or anticipate being) a prime or subrecipient.

Response: Non-Federal entities registering in SAM do not self-identify whether they are a prime or subrecipient. Many registered entities may be both a prime recipient and subrecipient for different awards.

Comment: One respondent commented that in order to continue collecting the SF424B Assurances from entities exempt from SAM (*i.e.* individuals), a corresponding form would still need to be maintained outside of SAM.gov.

Response: GSA has informed OMB of this requirement.

Comment: One respondent asked whether the system update to add the grant certifications and representations will trigger an unscheduled registration update requirement for all registered entities.

Response: The implementation of the grants certifications and representations in SAM will not trigger an unscheduled registration update for registered entities. Once the grant certifications and representations become active in SAM, per OMB guidance, all registered entities will complete their initial certifications in SAM during their annual re-registration. Federal agencies will continue to use their current processes for the submission of assurances (SF–424B) until such time that all their active grant recipients have completed their registrations in SAM.

Comment: One respondent asked if entities will be required to complete all certifications at each annual re-registration and suggested that a new collection may only be needed if the individual responsible for the submission at the registered entity changes in the future.

Response: The initial implementation will require entities to provide the certification during their initial registration and each subsequent annual re-registration. GSA is continually looking at ways to improve the SAM customer experience and will take the recommendation under advisement.

Comment: One respondent proposed the elimination of SF–424D—Assurances for Construction Programs and the incorporation of the form into the certifications and representations in SAM.

Response: GSA will implement additional certifications and representations into SAM, as directed by OMB. At this time, only the assurances in the SF-424B are being incorporated.

Comment: One respondent stated that the SAM registration process is time-consuming and frustrating for their foreign-based recipients and they object to adding another layer to the process. They further stated that their grants are usually under \$10,000.

Response: Although 2 CFR 25—Universal Identifier and System for Award Management, requires that all entities applying for or receiving federal awards, including subrecipients of federal awards, must register in SAM, there are conditions under which a federal agency may exempt a foreign entity from this requirement. 2 CFR 25.110 (d)(2)(ii) allows agencies to determine the practicality of whether a “foreign entity applying for or receiving an award or subaward for a project or program outside the United States valued at less than \$25,000” must comply with the SAM registration requirement.

Comment: One respondent stated that eliminating an agency’s ability to require certifications and assurances on their own application is impractical.

Response: Although the standard governmentwide certifications and representations will be certified in SAM, Federal agencies will still be able to require the submission of agency or program specific certifications and representations with applications.

Comment: One respondent stated that the cost and implementation timeline considerations for agencies with online project and grant application systems. The respondent further stated that they could not implement system changes by October 1.

Response: GSA has informed OMB of this consideration. The implementation date for entities to begin providing certifications during their initial registration and their subsequent annual re-registration will be no earlier than January 1, 2019. The full transition to grant certifications in SAM will not be completed for a year, since existing registrants will complete the certifications in their annual re-certification process. Once a recipient has registered or re-registered, the Federal agency will be able to download or print a copy of the entity’s certification to be entered into the entity’s grant award file.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 143,334.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total annual responses: 143,334.

Hours per Response: 2.5.

Total Burden Hours: 358,335.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the System for Award Management Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients, 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 in hard-copy or electronic format. Hard copy: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0290, System for Award Management Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients, in all correspondence.

Dated: October 4, 2018.

David A. Shive,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2018-0099]

Draft Guideline: Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Infrastructure and Routine Practices for Occupational Infection Prevention and Control Services

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

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), announces the opening of a docket to obtain comment on the *Draft Guideline: Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Infrastructure and Routine Practices for Occupational Infection Prevention and Control*

Services (Draft Guideline). The *Draft Guideline* is an update of two sections of the *Guideline for Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel, 1998: C. Infection Control Objectives for a Personnel Health Service* and *D. Elements of a Personnel Health Service for Infection Control.* The updated recommendations in the *Draft Guideline* are intended to facilitate the provision of occupational infection prevention and control services to healthcare personnel and to prevent transmission of infections between healthcare personnel and others.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 14, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2018-0099, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Attn: Docket No. CDC-2018-0099, HICPAC Secretariat, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop A07, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: Submissions via <http://www.regulations.gov> are preferred. All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kendra Cox, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop A-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: (404) 639-4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation

Interested persons or organizations are invited to participate by submitting written views, recommendations, and data.

Please note that comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are subject to public disclosure. Comments will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, do not include any information in your comments or supporting materials that you consider confidential or