decided to consider revisions to NSCG questionnaire items to gauge the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on workforce issues, a follow-up email was sent to Dr. Reamer on 8 July 2020, informing him that revised items were being developed for testing and any proposed revisions would be included in the ICR submitted to OMB.

Comment: On 28 June 2020, Dr. Jon Freeman of New York University sent an email to NSF on behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the American Educational Research Association (AERA). He requested that measures of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) be included in the 2021 NSCG and other future surveys of the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES).

Response: NSF responded to Dr. Freeman on 21 September 2020, informing him that NCSES intends to pursue research into the feasibility of collecting consistent and reliable SOGI data from individuals. However, due to time and resource constraints, no SOGI measures would be ready for inclusion in the 2021 NSCG.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (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.


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