DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11215]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: PEPFAR Program Expenditures

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to December 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Irum Zaidi, 1800 G St. NW, Suite 10300, SA–22, Washington, DC 20006, who may be reached on 202–663–2588 or at zaidiIFS@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Information Collection: PEPFAR Program Expenditures.

OMB Control Number: 1405–0208.

Type of Request: Revision to a Currently Approved Collection.


Form Number: DS–4213.

Respondents: Recipients of U.S. government funds appropriated to carry out the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,045.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,045.

Average Time Per Response: 16 hours.

Total Estimated Burden Time: 64,720 hours.

Frequency: Annually.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

• Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was established through enactment of the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act (Pub. L. 108–25), as amended by the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act (Pub. L. 110–293) (HIV/AIDS Leadership Act), as amended by the PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act (Pub. L. 113–56), and as amended and reauthorized for a third time by the PEPFAR Extension Act (Pub. L. 115–305) to support the global response to HIV/AIDS. In order to improve program monitoring, PEPFAR added reporting of expenditures by program area to the current routine reporting of program results for the annual report. Data are collected from implementing partners in countries with PEPFAR programs using a standard tool (DS–4213) via an electronic web-based interface into which users upload data. These expenditures are analyzed by partner for all PEPFAR program areas. These analyses then feed into partner and program reviews at the country level for monitoring and evaluation on an ongoing basis. Summaries of these data provide key information about program costs under PEPFAR on a global level. Applying expenditure results will improve strategic budgeting, identification of efficient means of delivering services, and accuracy in defining program targets; and will inform allocation of resources to ensure the program is accountable and using public funds for maximum impact.

Methodology

Data will continue to be collected in a web-based interface available to all partners receiving funds under PEPFAR. After implementing Expenditure Reporting since 2012, we learned that implementing partners (IPs) prefer the Microsoft Excel template based data collection process. The requirements in the Excel template have been reduced with IP input to only request critical information. By being able to download a template, prime IPs responsible to complete the submission are more effectively able to collaborate quickly with other key personnel and coordinate with their subrecipients to enter the data for the full amount of PEPFAR funding expended during the prior fiscal year. This approach also proves helpful where internet connectivity is not strong. After completing the Excel template, IPs upload the data to an automated system that further checks the data entered for quality and completeness. Automated checks reduce the time needed by IPs to complete the data cleaning process. Aggregate data is...
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Notice of Public Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization Meeting

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2020, by way of teleconference. Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line, which will handle 500 participants. To access the teleconference line, participants should call (202) 475–4000 and use Participant Code: 415 533 25#. This is not a meeting of the Shipping Coordinating Committee.

The primary purpose of the public meeting is to prepare for the 70th session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Technical Cooperation Committee to be held remotely, December 7 to 11, 2020.

The agenda items to be considered include:

— Adoption of the agenda
— Work of other bodies and organizations
— Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme: Annual report for 2019
— Resource mobilization and partnerships
— The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
— Regional presence and coordination
— IMO Member State Audit Scheme
— Capacity-building: Strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector
— Global maritime training institutions
— Application of the document on the Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee
— Work programme
— Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021
— Any other business
— Consideration of the report of the Committee on its seventieth session

Please note: The Committee may, on short notice, adjust the TC 70 agenda to accommodate the constraints associated with the virtual meeting format. The meeting coordinator will notify those who RSVP of any announced changes.

Those who plan to participate may contact the meeting coordinator, LT Jessica Anderson, by email at Jessica.P.Anderson@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372–1376, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593–7509.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO

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Imposition of Nonproliferation Measures Against Foreign Persons, Including a Ban on U.S. Government Procurement

AGENCY: Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A determination has been made that a number of foreign persons have engaged in activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to Section 3 of the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act. The Act provides for penalties on foreign entities and individuals for the transfer to or acquisition from Iran since January 1, 1999; the transfer to or acquisition from Syria since January 1, 2005; or the transfer to or acquisition from North Korea since January 1, 2006, of goods, services, or technology controlled under multilateral control lists (Missile Technology Control Regime, Australia Group, Chemical Weapons Convention, Nuclear Suppliers Group, Wassenaar Arrangement) or otherwise having the potential to make a material contribution to the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or cruise or ballistic missile systems. The latter category includes (a) items of the same kind as those on multilateral lists but falling below the control list parameters when it is determined that such items have the potential of making a material contribution to WMD or cruise or ballistic missile systems, (b) items on U.S. national control lists for WMD/missile reasons that are not on multilateral lists, and (c) other items with the potential of making such a material contribution when added through case-by-case decisions.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: On general issues: Pam Durham, Office of Missile, Biological, and Chemical Nonproliferation, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Telephone (202) 647–4930. For U.S. government procurement ban issues: Eric Moore, Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of State, Telephone: (703) 875–4079.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On November 6, 2020, the U.S. government applied the measures authorized in Section 3 of the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (Pub. L. 109–353) against the following foreign persons identified in the report submitted pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act:

Chengdu Best New Materials Co Ltd. (China) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;
Zibo Elim Trade Company, Ltd. (China) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;
Aviazapchast (Russia) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;
Joint Stock Company Elecon (Russia) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;
Nilco Group (aka Nil Fam Khazar Company; aka Santers Holding) (Russia) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 3 of the Act, the following measures are imposed on these persons:

1. No department or agency of the U.S. government may procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology, or services from these foreign persons, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;
2. No department or agency of the U.S. government may provide any assistance to these foreign persons, and these persons shall not be eligible to participate in any assistance program of the U.S. government, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;
3. No U.S. government sales to these foreign persons of any item on the United States Munitions List are permitted, and all sales to these persons of any defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services under the Arms Export Control Act are terminated; and
4. No new individual licenses shall be granted for the transfer to these foreign persons of items the export of which is controlled under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 or the Export Administration Regulations, and any existing such licenses are suspended.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the U.S. government and