

2. The Description of Duties section has been updated to allow the ACA to engage with a variety of stakeholders and attend site and field visits, in conjunction with committee meetings, in order to visit and explore innovative and emerging apprenticeship models and best practices that can help inform their work. It further calls for the ACA to provide an interim report within six months of the charter's filing and establishes a biennial reporting cycle.

3. The DFO section has been revised to reflect the return of DFO responsibilities to the Office of Apprenticeship Administrator, who served as DFO historically.

4. The Membership and Designation section has been updated to reflect the inclusion of representation of active or recently completed youth apprentices (ages 16–24), additional *ex officio* members, and program participants.

The ACA is being reestablished in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The ACA is charged providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary on a variety of apprenticeship issues. The ACA's duties include assembling, reviewing, and assessing information relating to accelerating the expansion of apprenticeship. In providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary, the ACA will hold regular meetings with agendas that are prepared with guidance provided by the Department; engage with a variety of stakeholders, to include site and field visits, as appropriate; review and provide feedback on research, policies, best practices, and industry and employment trends; and consult with experts and practitioners for information and expertise pertinent to Committee duties and priorities as needed. The ACA will submit to the Secretary an interim report with recommendations on the following:

1. the development and implementation of policies, legislation, and regulations affecting the National Registered Apprenticeship system;
2. strategies to expand apprenticeships into new industries and sectors including, but not limited to, cybersecurity, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, information technology, and healthcare;
3. identify partnerships that can help ensure equitable access and expand participation of nontraditional apprenticeship populations and communities; and
4. develop a plan to convene sector leaders and experts to establish specific frameworks of industry recognized occupational standards.

The ACA will submit to the Secretary no later than June 1 of every odd-numbered year its report which provides advice and recommendations on the following:

1. strategies to expand, modernize, and diversify the National Apprenticeship model;
2. recommendations on how to streamline and increase flexibility to ensure the National Apprenticeship system can better meet the current and future workforce needs; and
3. recommendations to ensure equitable access for all workers to participate and succeed in National Apprenticeship system.

The ACA will consist of a range or 27–30 voting members that represent labor, employers, and the public:

- Employers or Industry Associations
- Labor or Joint Labor-Management Organizations
- Members of the Public, that represent one of the following: State apprenticeship agencies/councils; State or local workforce development board; community-based organizations; career and technical education schools, or local educational agency; postsecondary education and training providers; providers of industry recognized credentials; apprenticeship intermediaries; or active or recently completed youth apprentices (age 16–24).

The ACA will be solely advisory in nature, and will consider testimony, reports, comments, research, evidence, and existing practices as appropriate to develop recommendations for inclusion in its final reports to the Secretary. Members of the ACA serve without compensation, but will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, to the extent permitted by law for persons serving intermittently in the Government service (5 U.S.C. 5701–5707), consistent with the availability of funds. Each ACA member will serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for a specified term. The Secretary may also appoint members to fill any ACA vacancies for the unexpired portions of the term.

*Nomination Process:* Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the ACA. If you would like to nominate yourself or another person for appointment to the ACA, you must include the following information as part of the application:

- A copy of the nominee's resume;
- A cover letter that provides your reason(s) for nominating the individual, including a description of the relevant experience and subject-matter expertise of that person concerning the

development of a skilled workforce through quality apprenticeship programs, and the member category or categories for which the individual would like to be considered;

- If the nominee is an active or recently completed youth apprentices (age 16–24), you must include a letter of support from your apprenticeship sponsor where you are currently enrolled or recently completed your apprenticeship; and
- Contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, business phone, fax number, and business email address).

In addition, the cover letter must represent that the ACA nominee has agreed to be nominated and is willing to serve on the ACA. Please do not include any information in your nomination submission that you do not want publicly disclosed. In selecting ACA members, the Secretary will consider individuals nominated in response to this **Federal Register** notice, as well as other qualified individuals. Nominees will be appointed based upon their demonstrated qualifications, professional experience, and demonstrated knowledge of issues related to the scope and purpose of the ACA, as well as the need to obtain a diverse range of views on this important subject.

**Suzan G. LeVine,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2010–0057]

#### Telecommunications Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits public comments concerning the proposal to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements specified in the Telecommunications Standard.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by July 6, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronically:* You may submit comments, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

*Docket:* To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for assistance in locating docket submissions.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket number for this **Federal Register** notice (OSHA–2010–0057). OSHA will place comments and requests to speak, including personal information, in the public docket, which may be available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates. For further information on submitting comments, see the “Public Participation” heading in the section of this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Seleda Perryman or Theda Kenney, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone (202) 693–2222.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Department of Labor, as part of the continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (*i.e.*, employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collection of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA’s estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for

developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

Under the paperwork requirements specified by paragraph (c) of the Standard, an employer must certify that his or her workers have been trained as specified by the training provision of the Standard. Specifically, employers must prepare a certification record which includes the identity of the person trained, the signature of the employer or the person who conducted the training, and the date the training was completed. The certification record shall be prepared at the completion of training and shall be maintained on file for the duration of the employee’s employment. The information collected will be used by employers as well as by compliance officers to determine whether employees have been trained according to the requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.268(c).

**II. Special Issues for Comment**

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA’s estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

**III. Proposed Actions**

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Standard on Telecommunications (29 CFR 1910.268). OSHA is proposing an adjustment increase to the existing burden hour estimate for the information collection requirements specified by the Standard from 5,349 hours to 5,499 hours, for a total increase of 150 hours. Based on updated data, the agency found that the number of establishments decreased as well as the number of workers. The agency will

summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Telecommunications (29 CFR part 1910.268).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218–0225.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits.

*Number of Respondents:* 256,413.

*Frequency of Responses:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 256,413.

*Average Time per Response:* Various.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 5,499.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

**IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions**

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:

- (1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. *Please note:* While OSHA’s Docket Office is continuing to accept and process submissions by regular mail, due to the COVID–19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public and not able to receive submissions to the docket by hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2010–0057). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so that the agency can attach them to your comments.

Due to security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and date of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download from this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office.

Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY (877) 889-5627) for information about materials not available from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

#### V. Authority and Signature

James S. Fredrick, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC.

**James S. Frederick,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** and 71 comments from ten organizations were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

**DATES:** 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](http://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:**

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a

telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Summary of Comments on the National Science Foundation Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide and NSF's Responses

The draft NSF PAPPG was made available for review by the public on the NSF website at <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>. NSF received 71 responses from 10 organizations in response to the First **Federal Register** notice published on December 14, 2020, at 85 FR 80823. All comments have been considered in the development of the proposed version. Please see <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>. A summary of the significant changes and clarifications to the PAPPG has been incorporated into the document.

*Title of Collection:* "National Science Foundation Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide."

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0058.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

*Proposed Project:* The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81-507) sets forth NSF's mission and purpose:

"To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. . . ."

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;

- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

NSF's core purpose resonates clearly in everything it does: Promoting achievement and progress in science and engineering and enhancing the potential for research and education to contribute to the Nation. While NSF's vision of the future and the mechanisms it uses to carry out its charges have evolved significantly over the last six decades, its ultimate mission remains the same.

*Use of the Information:* The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 50,000 proposals annually for new projects and makes approximately 11,000 new awards.

Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to approximately 2,000 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on merit evaluations of proposals submitted to the Foundation.

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

*Burden on the Public:* It has been estimated that the public expends an average of approximately 120 burden hours for each proposal submitted. Since the Foundation expects to receive approximately 43,500 proposals in FY 2021, an estimated 5,220,000 burden hours will be placed on the public.

The Foundation has based its reporting burden on the review of approximately 43,500 new proposals expected during FY 2021. It has been estimated that anywhere from one hour to 20 hours may be required to review a proposal. We have estimated that approximately 5 hours are required to review an average proposal. Each proposal receives an average of 3 reviews, resulting in approximately 652,500 hours per year.

The information collected on the reviewer background questionnaire (NSF 428A) is used by managers to maintain an automated database of