

collect applicant information for CSO/SSO positions. The applicant information provided to USMS from the Vendor gives information about which District and Facility the applicant will be working, the applicant's personal information, prior employment verification, employment performance and current financial status. The information allows the selecting official to hire applicants with a strong history of employment performance and financial responsibility. The questions on this form have been developed from the OPM, MSPB and DOJ "Best Practice" guidelines for reference checking.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimated 750 respondents will utilize the form, and it will take each respondent approximately 60 minutes to complete the form.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated annual public burden associated with this collection is 750 hours, which is equal to (750 (total # of annual responses) \* 60 minutes).

(7) *An Explanation of the Change in Estimates:* N/A.

If additional information is required contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.405A, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 1, 2021.

**Melody Braswell,**

*Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of Conditional Approval of New York States' Application for the Partial Deferral of Interest Accrued on Outstanding Title XII Loans Otherwise Payable on or before September 30, 2021

Title XII Section 1202(b)(3)(C) of the Social Security Act (SSA) provides that a state may defer payment of three-fourths of interest due on outstanding advances to state unemployment trust funds under Title XII Section 1201 SSA on or before September 30 of a given year if the state's rate of insured unemployment (IUR) during the first six

months of the prior calendar year equaled or exceeded 7.5 percent. Title XII Section 1202(b)(3)(C)(i) and 20 CFR 606.41(c) provide that a qualifying state must pay at least 25 percent of the amount due on or before September 30 of the taxable year, and must pay at least one-third of the remaining amount on or before September 30 in each of the following three years. 20 CFR 606.41(d) further clarifies that the timely and full payment of one-fourth of the interest due prior to October 1 is a precondition to approval of this deferral.

The New York State Department of Labor applied for this deferral prior to the July 1, 2021 deadline. Pursuant to 20 CFR 606.41(e)(2) the Employment and Training Administration has confirmed that the state's rate of insured unemployment exceeded the 7.5 percent threshold during the first 6 months of calendar year 2020. As such New York's application for the high unemployment deferral has been conditionally approved contingent on the timely payment of one-fourth of the interest due on or before September 30, 2021.

**Lenita Jacobs-Simmons,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.*

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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 22 comments 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's Major Facilities Guide

The draft Major Facilities Guide were made available for review by the public on the NSF website at [https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/lfo\\_documents.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/lfo_documents.jsp). In response to the **Federal Register** notice published February 2, 2021, at 86 FR 7884, NSF received 22 comments from 2 different institutions/individuals. A summary of the comments on the Major Facilities Guide follows:

- 7 requested clarifications and content regarding the fourth pillar, Mission Alignment, of information security programs for major facility cybersecurity programs;
- 12 requested clarifications and updates on the processes and requirements associated with NSF oversight of the various stages of the facility lifecycle; and
- 3 requested clarifications regarding NSF "No Cost Overrun" Policy and budget contingency for the construction stage of major facility projects.

The full comments and NSF's response may be found via: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> and [https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/lfo\\_documents.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/lfo_documents.jsp).

*Title of Collection:* Major Facilities Guide.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145–0239.

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

*Proposed Project:* The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81–507) set 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.

Among Federal agencies, NSF is a leader in providing the academic community with advanced instrumentation needed to conduct state-of-the-art research and to educate the next generation of scientists, engineers and technical workers. The knowledge generated by these tools sustains U.S. leadership in science and engineering (S&E) to drive the U.S. economy and secure the future. NSF’s responsibility is to ensure that the research and education communities have access to these resources, and to provide the support needed to utilize them optimally, and implement timely upgrades.

The scale of advanced instrumentation ranges from small research instruments to shared resources or facilities that can be used by entire communities. The demand for such instrumentation is very high, and is growing rapidly, along with the pace of discovery. For major facilities and shared infrastructure, the need is particularly high. This trend is expected to accelerate in the future as increasing numbers of researchers and educators rely on such major facilities, instruments, and databases to provide the reach to make the next intellectual leaps.

NSF currently provides support for facility construction from two accounts: The Major Research Equipment and Facility Construction (MREFC) account, and the Research and Related Activities (R&RA) account. The MREFC account, established in FY 1995, is a separate budget line item that provides an agency-wide mechanism, permitting

directorates to undertake major facility projects greater than \$100M and mid-scale research infrastructure projects between \$20M and \$100M. Smaller mid-scale and research instrumentation projects continue to be supported from the R&RA Account.

Facilities are defined as shared-use infrastructure, instrumentation and equipment that are accessible to a broad community of researchers and/or educators. Facilities may be centralized or may consist of distributed installations. They may incorporate large-scale networking or computational infrastructure, multi-user instruments or networks of such instruments, or other infrastructure, instrumentation and equipment having a major impact on a broad segment of a scientific or engineering discipline. Historically, awards have been made for such diverse projects as accelerators, telescopes, research vessels and aircraft, and geographically distributed but networked sensors and instrumentation.

The growth and diversification of major facility projects require that NSF remain attentive to the ever-changing issues and challenges inherent in their planning, construction, operation, management and oversight. Most importantly, dedicated, competent NSF and awardee staff are needed to manage and oversee these projects; giving the attention and oversight that good practice dictates and that proper accountability to taxpayers and Congress demands. To this end, there is also a need for consistent, documented requirements and procedures to be understood and used by NSF program managers and awardees for all such major projects.

*Use of the Information:* Facilities are an essential part of the science and engineering enterprise, and supporting them is one major responsibility of the National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF makes awards to external entities—primarily universities, consortia of universities or non-profit organizations—to undertake construction, management and operation of facilities. Such awards frequently take the form of cooperative agreements. NSF does not directly construct or operate the facilities it supports. However, NSF retains responsibility for overseeing their development, management and successful performance. The Major Facilities Guide is intended to:

- Provide step-by-step guidance for NSF staff and awardees to carry out effective project planning, management and oversight of major facilities while considering the varying requirements of a diverse portfolio;

- Clearly state the policies, processes and procedures pertinent at each stage of a facility’s life cycle from development through construction, operations, and termination; and

- Document and disseminate “good practices” identified over time so that NSF and awardees can carry out their responsibilities more effectively.

This version of the Major Facilities Guide reflects new legislation applicable to major facilities, NSF’s expectations for construction schedules for alignment with good practices, minimum competencies for project personnel, and guidance on the content of Segregation of Funding Plans and how to scale earned value management systems (EVMS). The Guide does not replace existing formal procedures required for all NSF awards, which are described in the, *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG)*. Instead, it draws upon and supplements it for the purpose of providing detailed guidance on NSF policy and procedures related to the planning and oversight of major facilities and mid-scale projects. All facilities projects require merit and technical review, as well as approval of certain deliverables. The level of review and approval varies substantially from standard grants, as does the level of oversight needed to ensure appropriate and proper accountability for federal funds. The requirements, recommended procedures and best practices presented in the Guide apply to any facility significant enough to require close and substantial interaction with the Foundation and the National Science Board.

This Guide will be updated periodically to reflect changes in requirements, policies and/or procedures. Award Recipients are expected to monitor and adopt the requirements and best practices included in the Guide which are aimed at improving management and oversight of major facilities projects and at enabling the most efficient and cost-effective delivery of tools to the research and education communities.

The submission of proposals and subsequent project documentation to the Foundation related to the development, construction and operations of major facilities is part of the collection of information. This information is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility in supporting merit-based research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. The Foundation also has a continuing commitment to provide oversight on facilities development and construction which must be balanced against monitoring its information

collection so as to identify and address any excessive reporting burdens.

NSF has approximately twenty-two (22) major facilities in various stages of development, construction, operations and termination. Facilities undergoing a major upgrade may be classified in both design or construction and operations at the same time. Two to four (2 to 4) new awards are made approximately every five (5) years based on science community infrastructure needs and availability of funding. Among the twenty-five major facilities, there are approximately seven (7) facilities annually that are either in development or construction. These stages require the highest level of reporting and management documentation per the *Major Facilities Guide*. NSF estimates there will be twelve (12) mid-scale projects in progress at a given time.

**Burden to the Public:** The Foundation estimates that approximately five (5) Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) are necessary for each major facility project in design or construction to respond to NSF performance and financial reporting and project management documentation requirements on an annual basis; or 10,400 hours per year. The Foundation estimates approximately one and half (1.5) FTE for a major facility in operations to respond to NSF performance and financial reporting on an annual basis; or 3,120 hours per year. For mid-scale projects, the Foundation estimates approximately one (1) Full Time Equivalent (FTE's) is necessary for each mid-scale project to respond to NSF project management documentation requirements on an annual basis; or 2,080 hours per year. With seven (7) major facilities in design or construction and eighteen (18) in operations and twelve (12) mid-scale projects, this equates to roughly 165,000 public burden hours annually.

Dated: September 1, 2021.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2021-0160]

### Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment request; notice of opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene; order imposing procedures.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received and is considering approval of two amendment requests. The amendment requests are for Florida Power & Light Co., Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 3 and 4 and Tennessee Valley Authority, Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3. For each amendment request, the NRC proposes to determine that they involve no significant hazards consideration (NSHC). Because each amendment request contains sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information (SUNSI), an order imposes procedures to obtain access to SUNSI for contention preparation by persons who file a hearing request or petition for leave to intervene.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by October 7, 2021. A request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by November 8, 2021. Any potential party as defined in section 2.4 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) who believes access to SUNSI is necessary to respond to this notice must request document access by September 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking Website:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2021-0160. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-

A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

##### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2021-0160, facility name, unit number(s), docket number(s), application date, and subject when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2021-0160.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *Attention:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

##### B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking Website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC-2021-0160, facility name, unit number(s), docket number(s), application date, and subject, in your comment submission.