

and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding bid guarantees, performance and payment bonds, and alternative payment protections.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this 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 Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

Additionally, submit a copy to GSA through <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite OMB Control No. 9000–0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://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. If there are difficulties submitting comments, contact the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000–0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protection, Standard Forms (SF) 24, 25, 25–A, 25–B, 34, 35, 273, 274, 275, 1414, 1415, 1416, and 1418.

B. Needs and Uses

This justification supports an extension of the expiration date of OMB Control No. 9000–0045. This clearance covers the information that offerors or contractors must submit to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirements:

FAR 52.228–1, Bid Guarantee. This provision (or clause) requires offerors or contractors to furnish a bid guarantee in

the proper form and amount when a performance bond or a performance and payment bond is also required. (SF 24, Bid Bond; SF 34, Annual Bid Bond).

FAR 52.228–2, Additional Bond Security. This clause requires contractors to furnish additional bond security under certain circumstances. This clause is used both for construction and other than construction contracts. (SF 1414 Consent of Surety; SF 1415, Consent of Surety and Increase of Penalty).

FAR 52.228–13, Alternative Payment Protections. This clause requires contractors to submit one of the payment protections listed in the clause by the contracting officer, in construction contracts greater than \$35,000 but not exceeding \$150,000.

FAR 52.228–14, Irrevocable Letter of Credit. This clause requires offerors or contractors to provide certain information when they intend to use an irrevocable letter of credit (ILC) in lieu of a required bid bond, or to secure other types of required bonds such as performance and payment bonds. This clause is required in solicitations and contracts when a bid guarantee, or performance bond, or performance and payment bonds are required.

FAR 52.228–15, Performance and Payment Bonds–Construction. This clause requires contractors to provide performance and payment bonds in construction contracts exceeding \$150,000 (SF 25, Performance Bond; SF 25–A, Payment Bond; SF 25–B, Continuation Sheet (for SF’s 24, 25, and 25–A); SF 273, Reinsurance Agreement for a Bonds Statute Performance Bond; SF 274, Reinsurance Agreement for a Bonds Statute Payment Bond).

FAR 52.228–16, Performance and Payment Bonds–Other Than Construction. This clause requires contractors to furnish performance and payment bonds for other than construction contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold only in certain circumstances. (SF 35, Annual Performance Bond; SF 275, Reinsurance Agreement in Favor of the United States; SF 1416, Payment Bond for Other Than Construction Contracts; SF 1418, Performance Bond for Other Than Construction Contracts).

The bid guarantees, bonds, or alternative payment protections are retained by the Government until the contractor’s obligation is fulfilled.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 6,279.

Total Annual Responses: 6,279.

Total Burden Hours: 6,279.

D. Public Comment

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 87 FR 25487, on April 29, 2022. No comments were received.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division, by calling 202–501–4755 or emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES'

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; State Court Improvement Program (OMB # 0970–0307)

AGENCY: Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the Court Improvement Program (CIP) Program Strategic Plan Template and Annual CIP Self-Assessment (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970–0307, expiration November 30, 2022). There are minimal updates to the form to reflect new legislation as well as to support technical assistance. The collections are necessary to continue operating the program in compliance with congressional reauthorization.

DATES: *Comments are due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The proposed collection is a continuation of the current

collection and comprised of two components. An application including a strategic plan and annual self-assessment. The self-assessment reflects what the state has done in the prior year focusing on its progress and status within the change management cycle. The strategic plan looks forward to those interventions and actions the state plans to undertake to address needs or

buttress strengths they have discovered in their assessment activities. Additions from the prior approval include infrastructural questions around the Child and Family Services Reviews regarding efforts to engage legal and judicial staff and collaborate with the child welfare agency. They also include overall court structural questions which are responsive to requests from grantees

to facilitate peer connections of similarly situated states. The next application will be due June 30, 2023.

Respondents: We anticipate the highest state court of every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to respond. All 53 jurisdictions currently participate in the program.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Annual Self-Assessment	53	1	40	2,120
Strategic Plan	53	*.20	52	551.20
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:				2,671.20

* The full Strategic Plan is completed every 5 years. In years when the Strategic Plan is not completed, respondents may spend minimal time updating relevant sections of the Strategic Plan. This is accounted for in the estimate for the Annual Self-Assessment.

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments 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) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 629h.

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ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Generic Program-Specific Performance Progress Report (0970-0490)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the proposal to extend data collection under

the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Generic Program-Specific Performance Progress Report (PPR) (0970-0490). This overarching generic allows ACF program offices to collect performance and progress data from recipients and sub-recipients who receive funding from ACF under a discretionary grant or cooperative agreement. This generic mechanism provides the opportunity for ACF program offices to tailor requests for performance and progress data to specific funding recipients. No changes are proposed to the purpose or use of the data collections under this generic, but ACF is requesting an increase in burden.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: ACF is primarily a grant-making agency that promotes the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals and communities with partnerships, funding, guidance, training and technical assistance. Prior to the use of this generic program-specific PPR, a standard ACF PPR (#0970-0406) was used for all ACF discretionary grant and cooperative agreement awards for post

award reporting. Historically, on the standard ACF PPR form, ACF required grantees to only respond to a common set of broad questions, which often solicited qualitative or incomplete information. This one-size-fits-all approach did not adequately collect the specific data needed for particular grant programs or allow program offices to assess continuous quality improvement. Different grant programs vary in purpose, target population, and activities. Therefore, a need for program offices to customize performance measurements was identified and the generic program-specific PPR was developed.

ACF program offices have benefited from the ability to create and use a program-specific PPR that is more effective and includes specific data elements that reflects a specific program’s indicators, demographics, priorities and objectives.

A generic program-specific PPR that can be tailored for program-specific needs allows program offices to collect useful data in a uniform and systematic manner. The reporting format allows program offices to gather uniform program performance data from each grantee, allowing aggregation at the program level to calculate outputs and outcomes, providing a snapshot and allowing for longitudinal analysis.

Data from a tailored program-specific PPR that demonstrates a program’s successes and challenges have been useful for accountability purposes, such as required reports to Congress. Moreover, it has been useful for program management and oversight, such as identifying grantees’ technical assistance needs and ensuring