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Title of Collection: NSF Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Phase I, NSF Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program Phase I, and NSF Fast-Track Pilot Pre-submission Project Pitch Form.

OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

Abstract: The NSF Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) Phase I, Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR) Phase I, and SBIR/STTR Fast-Track Pilot Project Pitch is an NSF SBIR/STTR pre-submission process that conveys information needed to direct the proposed SBIR/STTR project to the appropriate NSF Program Director (PD) for review and possible proposal submission invitation. The Project Pitch is to be submitted by the applying small business concern (as "proposer") to the relevant NSF SBIR/STTR Phase I or Fast-Track Pilot technology topic. The Project Pitch outlines solicitation-

specific aspects of the project (such as the proposed technology innovation)) and captures the same requested information, as outlined in the NSF SBIR/STTR Phase I and Fast-Track Program solicitations, but all within one secure, web-based form. Specifically, the form collects the submitting proposer company and team information, the proposed technology innovation; the technical objectives and challenges, and the market opportunity. The form also allows the proposer to choose (from a drop-down menu) the most relevant NSF SBIR/STTR Phase I and Fast-Track Pilot technical topic area, ensuring that the submitted Project Pitch goes to the most appropriate Program Director. For the SBIR/STTR Fast-Track Pilot submission, the Project Pitch encompasses the same questions as outlined in the Phase I Project Pitch but also seeks responses to three key eligibility requirements: NSF lineage, customer-discovery experience, and confirmation that the team members are currently employed by the company. These requirements expand on the details of the previously required information on the proposed technology innovation, the market opportunity, and the company and team, respectively.

Respondents: Small business concerns who submit proposals to NSF's SBIR/STTR Phase I and Fast-Track Pilot Programs.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 2,500.

Burden on the Public: 3 hours (per response) for an annual total of 7,500 hours.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program Evaluation

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to establish this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing the opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by November 25, 2024 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent Practicable. Send comments to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite E6447, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to 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).

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Title of Collection: Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program Evaluation.

OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Abstract: This proposed data collection is a core component of a larger comprehensive evaluation strategy to assess the effectiveness and functioning of the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program, funded through grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF). LSAMP alliances are entities at member higher education institutions that support the learning and development of STEM undergraduates from underrepresented backgrounds.

This current research seeks to consider the experiences of those leading and participating in LSAMP since the last full evaluation (which

concluded in 2007), as well as current experiences, at ten select site locations. The ten sites were selected by the NSF in collaboration with our research partner who will conduct all data collection, NORC at the University of Chicago. A key component of the site selection process has been to assure variability in site representation, to include sites with more remote geographies, differing populations, and alliance types.

This work will enable the program to better understand where successes can be modeled and opportunities can be identified to better support the underrepresented students in these fields, by encouraging greater inclusion in academic and professional development opportunities. Currently, we are seeking approval to conduct interviews and focus groups with individuals who are affiliated with the LSAMP alliances at these pre-identified sites using the procedures discussed below.

As of FY2021, there were 61 LSAMP alliances, 55 of which were led by four-year institutions. There are three groups of LSAMP alliances: 11 STEM Pathways Implementation Only (SPIO) alliances in existence less than 10 years, 22 STEM Pathways Research Alliances (SPRA) in existence at least 10 years, and 22 alliances that had not yet applied for funding under the 2018 solicitation. Ten of the alliances in existence at least 10 years also have Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) projects that provide additional funding to support students' graduate work. An additional 6 alliances are Bridge to the Baccalaureate (B2B) alliances led by two-year institutions. Each alliance consists of a lead institution and several other affiliated institutions all operating towards the same alliance goals. Affiliated institutions typically are in the same geographic region and may vary by type (e.g., two-year institutions). Participating underrepresented minority (URM) STEM students in alliance schools could be defined in three groups: Level 1 students who receive direct financial support through the alliance for activities, Level 2 students who attended activities sponsored by LSAMP funds, and Level 3 students who are students at LSAMP institutions who did not receive funds or participate in LSAMP activities.

Research suggests that collaboratives, such as the alliances funded by the LSAMP program can improve STEM degree completion rates, but long-term success requires sustained change at the institutional level (Center for Urban Education, 2019; May & Bridger, 2010). LSAMP has a 30-year history of

increasing the diversity of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines and the STEM workforce.

NORC at the University of Chicago's (NORC) is leading the present approach for evaluating the operations, success, and opportunities of LSAMP, under the guidance and sponsorship of the NSF Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) Division of Human Resource Development (HRD). This evaluation aims to identify and characterize the organizational structure and institutionalization of LSAMP alliances and assess the impact of LSAMP strategies to strengthen pathways and increase undergraduate and graduate STEM degrees earned by students from populations underrepresented in STEM on all educational levels.

As part of this comprehensive evaluation, and with a focus on fully utilizing all preexisting data, NORC has completed a thorough review of available data (e.g., annual reports). The LSAMP program anticipates using the results of this evaluation (both the review of existing data and data from site visits) to identify "LSAMP best practices" that can be implemented by both LSAMP grantee/alliance institutions and non-LSAMP grantees/alliance institutions to sustain and grow impacts of the LSAMP programming on diversity in STEM and inform the LSAMP program on sustainability mechanisms and goals appropriate for LSAMP alliance institutions to maintain their successful outcomes.

Respondents: LSAMP Faculty and Staff (200); LSAMP Students (120).

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 320.

Burden on the Public: Estimated 1–3 hours to participate in an interview or focus group (1 hour for staff and students, 3 hours for coordinators/provosts or other leaders). The estimated burden time is 750 hours.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Revision and Consolidation of Two Existing Information Collections Related to Health Benefits Election Forms

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a revised information collection request (ICR) for two forms: SF 2809 Health Benefits Election Form and OPM 2809 Health Benefits Election Form.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 24, 2024. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection request by selecting "Office of Personnel Management" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to these information collection activities, please contact: Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Room 3316–L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to RSPublicationsTeam@opm.gov or faxed to (202) 606–0910 or via telephone at (202) 936–0401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps OPM assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand OPM's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. On May 5, 2024, OPM published notice of its intent to combine OMB Control Nos. 3206–0160 and 3206–0141 into a single, updated collection in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 37269.

The SF 2809 and the OPM 2809 forms are generally very similar in terms of the information collected, with only a few different data points to reflect differences between an employee and an annuitant. Nonetheless, the forms were historically managed under two different information collections. OPM is not currently planning to consolidate the forms into a single form because the