

Comment from Jean Public re 3145-0019

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Subject: Fw: this could be done every 5 or 10 years - not so frequent -
it costs alot of tax dollars

omb 3145-0019 - this one should be put off until 2011. this does not need to be done
more often than every 5 years and even that may be stretching what the american
taxpayers should be paying for. who needs this? nobody. this is just a waste of tax
dollars. nsf has gotten too imperious and too self important. it needs to shut down
non necessary efforts like this. the bureaucracy in skanky corrupt washington dc is
stifling and stifling the american taxpayers.

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> Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 7:25 AM why shuold it cost so much
> why isnt it put on line and computer do the figuring/
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> NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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> Notice of Intent To Extend an Information Collection

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> AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

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> ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.
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> SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13

> (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), and as part of its continuing effort to

> reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science

> Foundation

> (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to

> comment on this proposed continuing information collection.

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> National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of

> proposed projects.

> Comments: Comments are invited 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) ways to

> enhance 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.
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> DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by February 9,
> 2009 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date
> will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address
> below.

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> FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: For further information or for
> a copy of the collection instruments and instructions, contact Ms.
> Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science
> Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia
> 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send e-mail 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
> between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

> SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

> Title of Collection: Survey of Earned Doctorates.

> OMB Approval Number: 3145-0019.

> Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2009.

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

> 1. Abstract: The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as
> subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to ``* *`

> * provide a

> central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis
> of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a
> source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the
> Federal Government.'' The Survey of Earned Doctorates is part of an
> integrated survey system that meets the human resources part of this
> mission.

> The Survey of Earned Doctorates has been conducted continuously
> since 1958 and is jointly sponsored by six Federal agencies in order
> to avoid duplication. It is an accurate, timely source of information
> on our Nation's most precious resource--highly educated individuals.
> Data are obtained via a paper questionnaire or Web survey from each
> person earning a research doctorate at the time they receive the
> degree. Data are collected on their field of specialty, educational
> background, sources of support in graduate school, debt level,
> postgraduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics.

> The Federal government, universities, researchers, and others use
> the information extensively. The National Science Foundation, as the
> lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in several reports,
> but primarily in the annual publication series, ``Science and
> Engineering Doctorates'' and the Interagency Report, ``Doctorate
> Recipients from U.S. Universities: Summary Report.'' These reports are
> available in print and electronically on the World Wide Web.

> The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act
> of 1974. Responses from individuals are voluntary. NSF will ensure
> that all individually identifiable information collected will be kept
> strictly confidential and will be used for research or statistical
> purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and
> articles.

> 2. Expected Respondents: A total response rate of 91.6% of the
> total 48,079 persons who earned a research doctorate was obtained in
> academic year 2006/2007. This level of response rate has been
> consistent for several years. The respondents will be individuals and
> the estimated number of respondents annually is around 45,000 (based
> on
> 2007 data).

> 3. Estimate of Burden: The Foundation estimates that, on average,
> 20 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the survey. The
> total annual respondent burden for the Survey of Earned Doctorates is
> therefore estimated at 15,000 hours, based on 45,000 respondents. This

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- > is higher than the last annual estimate approved by OMB due to the
- > increased number of respondents (doctorate recipients).
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- > Dated: December 4, 2008.
- > Suzanne H. Plimpton,
- > Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.
- > [FR Doc. E8-29091 Filed 12-8-08; 8:45 am]