

Norcross, Frank

From: Andrew Levecchia [andrewl@camdencounty.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 9:13 AM
To: Norcross, Frank
Subject: FW: EECBG ICR 60-day Federal Register Notice

Attachments: 2010-17142.pdf



2010-17142.pdf
(65 KB)

Hi Frank,

Please accept the following as my comments on the Federal Register Notice dated July 14 2010

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper function of the agency, including whether the information have practical utility.

The information being collected on a monthly basis is repetitive and redundant and places a burden upon the grant recipient as the requirements on the program demand quarterly reporting of the same information. As a grant recipient I feel that the time I spend reporting interferes with my ability to implement the grant programs. Implementation will create jobs not excessive reporting.

b. the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

The estimate of the burden has been under estimated as the monthly and excessive report of details and milestones requires a large amount of time for an administrator to fill out the online forms and collect the data. Most of my time is spent collecting data for reporting purposes.

c. ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected.

There are several forms and worksheets to fill out outside of the PAGE system that have to be forwarded to the DOE project officer that are part of the electronic reporting system and makes the reporting redundant and an undue burden.

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.

Te use of automated collection techniques is a good thing. The system is not very intuitive and not as responsive or uses friendly as it could be. Quite frankly there is so much reporting in the PAGE system that every quarter the DOE rep has to send out several emails telling participants that they missed a particular part of the reporting.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kenney, David [mailto:david.kenney@go.doe.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 12:00 PM
To: Like, Russel
Cc: Andrew Levecchia; ANapolitano@birdsall.com; CTrifiletti@gcianj.com;
dantonio@essexcountynj.org; DeBari, Frank; Diaz, Carmen; uvae@ci.newark.nj.us; Gallos,
Margaret; Greenwood, Stephanie; h_savoia@dome-tech.com; jgraziano@ucnj.org;
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Subject: RE: EECEBG ICR 60-day Federal Register Notice

EECEBG NJ Awardees:

There is a new federal notice requesting comments on the reporting burden for DOE. Please feel to comment in writing to:

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Department of Energy, 1000
Independence Ave., SW., Washington,
D.C. 20585-1290, Fax#: (202)

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Like, Russel [mailto:Russel.Like@co.monmouth.nj.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Kenney, David
Subject: RE: EECEBG ICR 60-day Federal Register Notice

Hi David - the attachment is somewhat confusing. It contains guidelines as to how to comment, but it is not clear to me as to what, specifically, we are being asked to comment on. Is this a request for comments on some new proposed reporting requirement, on the continuation of the 30-day reporting, or something else?

- Russ

-----Original Message-----

From: Kenney, David [mailto:david.kenney@go.doe.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 10:32 AM
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bhudzik@co.morris.nj.us
Subject: FW: EECBG ICR 60-day Federal Register Notice
Importance: High

Please Review this Federal Notice & Comment!!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Handa, Rachna [mailto:Rachna.Handa@EE.Doe.Gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 8:26 AM
To: Donat, Ted Nmn (Hq); Alley, Jami; Anderson, Jamie; Bond, Albert; Broughton, Obadiah;
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Mendoza, Justin; Sprenger, Cynthia; Vehar, Mike; Venema, Kris; Pierce, Lizana; GO EECBG
Tribal; Marburger, Ausmus Nmn (Hq); Meredith, Annette Nmn (Hq); Barnett, Lisa (Hq);
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'crowdertn@oro.doe.gov'; 'diluziot@oro.doe.gov'; 'gonzaleze@oro.doe.gov';
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Vince (Nev); Sanchez-Bartz, Peggy (Nev); Gentry, Myla (Nev); Brewer, Nohemi (Nev);
Gardiner, Jim (Nev); Glasser, Bill (Nev); Hanlon, Carol (Nev); Hathcock, David (Nev);
Jones, Susan (Nev); Plecas, Al (Nev); Terrell, Bertha (Nev); Tunnell, Bill (Nev);
Vanderpuy, Mark (Nev); Thomas, Billy (Nev); Cortest, Tony (Nev); Hamer, Sharon (Nev);
Burnett, Doris (Nev); Delis, John (Nev); DL GO EECBG TEAM - OCPM; Kong, Nick Nmn (Hq);
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(Hq); Isakow, Craig Nmn (Hq); Johansen, John Nmn (Hq); Johnson, Mark Nmn (Hq); Mendelson,
Pam (Hq); Middleton, Ryan Nmn (Hq); Oueid, Rima Nmn (Hq); Posner, David Nmn (Hq); Russell,
Tobias (Hq); Solomon, Nebiat Nmn (Hq); Carp, Paul Nmn (Hq); Dennis, Keith Nmn (Hq);
McDonald, Crystal Nmn (Hq)
Cc: Norcross, Frank (Hq); Carp, Paul Nmn (Hq)
Subject: FW: EECBG ICR 60-day Federal Register Notice

EECBG Team -

FYI - as Frank mentions, this is the first of two Federal register notices regarding the
questions we ask grantees and invites public comment on the burden associated with
reporting.

Thanks!

From: Norcross, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 10:53 AM
To: Handa, Rachna
Subject: Fw: EECBG ICR 60-day Federal Register Notice

Rachna,
Can you forward the attached on to all of the EECBG POs? This is the first of two Federal
Register notices associated with the EECBG ICR for
3 year collection, and it invites public comment on the burden associated with reporting.

Regards,
Frank

From: Frank Norcross <franknorcross@gmail.com>
To: Norcross, Frank
Sent: Wed Jul 28 10:48:09 2010
Subject: EECBG ICR 60-day Federal Register Notice

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DOE Response to Public Comment on Proposed Information Collection Request
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 1910-5150

TITLE: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Status Report
Federal Register Notice (60 Day): July 14th, 2010 (Vol. 75, No. 134 pp. 40796)

Commenter: Camden County, NJ
Date of comment: August 4th, 2010

DOE Response:

DOE acknowledges that the monthly reporting requirements in the EECBG reporting guidance (EECBG 10-07A) represent an undue burden on EECBG recipients with formula allocations >\$2M. Under this guidance, applicable recipients were required to report outlays, obligations, and some performance metrics by project activity on a monthly basis. Anecdotal feedback from EECBG Project Officers and recipients indicated that the report of performance metrics by activity on a monthly basis was particularly burdensome and of marginal utility. This observation is consistent with your stated assertions.

As such, in the forthcoming revision to the reporting guidance (EECBG 10-07B), recipients will only be required to report outlays by project activity on a monthly basis. To minimize the burden represented by this monthly reporting requirement, monthly outlays will be automatically summed in PAGE to populate the quarterly performance report. Moreover, the overall format of the Quarterly Performance Report in PAGE has recently undergone significant revision to make it more intuitive and useful to EECBG recipients.

DOE believes that the report of outlays on a monthly basis provides essential transparency on amount and object of Recovery Act expenditures. DOE estimates that the reduction in requirements amounts to an approximate 40% reduction in the annual reporting burden and should concurrently reduce confusion amongst grantees. Furthermore, the reduced burden should allow municipal staff to focus on the implementation of Recovery Act project funded under EECBG.