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**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 2:32 PM  
**To:** Plimpton, Suzanne H.  
**Subject:** RE: PUBLIC COMMENTON FEDERAL REGISTER FW: too manyh surveys, too much spending by power mad agency

as part of my comment, let me state that this agency should be folded into dept of education.

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Subject: RE: PUBLIC COMMENTON FEDERAL REGISTER FW: too manyh surveys, too much spending by power mad agency  
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 11:56:04 -0500  
From: splimpto@nsf.gov  
To: usacitizen1@live.com

Thank you for your comment and please know that all of our surveys and results are available publicly online and in paper. Following are the web links for the office to which you sent your comment – this provides more immediacy than sending paper copies. The first link details the mission and mandate for the Division of Science Resources Statistics, along with an index and search feature of publications of results. The second link is for the Science and Engineering Indicators publication, which provides a description of results. The paper copy of the Science and Engineering Indicators is not yet available; however, you may download it immediately from the websites listed below. If you would still prefer a paper copy, one may be mailed to you when it has been printed.

<http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/>

<http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/seind10/>

Also, all requests for approval for individual surveys may be found via the regulatory information website: <http://www.reginfo.gov>, where all information sent by all agencies to the Office of Management and Budget is housed.

Sincerely,

Suzanne H. Plimpton

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**From:** jean public [mailto:usacitizen1@live.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 01, 2010 7:56 AM  
**To:** Plimpton, Suzanne H.; iinfo@taxpayer.net; media@cagw.org; americanvoices@mail.house.gov; comments@whitehouse.gov  
**Cc:** today@nbc.com; info@starmagazine.com  
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THE PUBLIC WANTS A LIST OF SURVEYS FUNDED BY THIS AGENCY, THE COST OF THEM, WHAT THEY WERE FUNDED FOR AND WHO GOT THE TAX DOLLARS.

WE WANT THESE LISTS PUT ON LINE SO THE PUBLIC CAN SEE WHAT TYOU ARE SPENDING AMERICAN TAX DOLLARS ON. THE PUBLIC KNOWS SECRET AGENCIES LIKE THIS ONE WASTES AMERICAN TAX DOLLARS. WE WANT TRANSPARENT GOVT. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATING THAT. WHY ARE YOU VIOLATING THAT ORDER. PUT IT ON LINE. LET ME KNOW VIA A PAPER COPY IMMEDIATELY WHAT YOU FUNDED IN 2009 SO I CAN SEE WHETHER I HAVE MORE COMMENTS TO INCLUDE ON THIS PROPOSAL TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE CONFORM WITH OUR PRESIDENTS MANDATED EXECUTIVE ORDER.

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> [Federal Register: December 28, 2009 (Volume 74, Number 247)]  
> [Notices]  
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> NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
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> Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request  
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> AGENCY: National Science Foundation.  
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> ACTION: Notice.  
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> SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13  
> (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), and as part of its continuing effort to  
> reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation  
> invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this  
> opportunity to comment on this information collection.  
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> DATES: Written comments should be received by February 26, 2010 to be  
> assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be  
> considered to the extent practicable.  
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> ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and  
> requests for copies of the proposed information collection request  
> should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer,  
> National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA  
> 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).  
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> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF  
> Reports Clearance Officer, phone (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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365
- > days a year (including Federal holidays.)
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- > SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
- > Title: Generic Clearance of the Science Resources Statistics Survey
- > Improvement Projects.
- > OMB Approval Number: 3145-0174.
- > Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2010.
- > Abstract. Generic Clearance of the Science Resources Statistics
- > Survey Improvement Projects. The National Science Foundation's Division
- > of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS) needs to collect timely data
- > on constant changes in the science and technology sector and to provide
- > the most complete and accurate information possible to policy makers in
- > Congress and throughout government and academia. NSF/SRS conducts many
- > surveys to obtain the data for these purposes. The Generic Clearance
- > will be used to ensure that the highest quality data are obtained from
- > these surveys. State-of-the-art methodology will be used to develop,
- > evaluate, and test questionnaires and survey concepts as well as to
- > improve survey methodology. This may include field or pilot tests of
- > questions for future large-scale surveys, as needed.
- > Expected Respondents. The respondents will be from industry,
- > academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and State,
- > local, and Federal governments. Respondents will be either individuals
- > or institutions, depending upon the survey under investigation.
- > Qualitative procedures will generally be conducted in person or over
- > the phone, but quantitative procedures may be conducted using mail,
- > Web, e-mail, or phone modes, depending on the topic
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- > under investigation. Up to 16,660 respondents will be contacted across
- > all survey improvement projects. No respondent will be contacted more
- > than twice in one year under this generic clearance. Every effort will
- > be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small
- > entities.
- > Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be used to improve
- > NSF's current data collection instruments and processes and to reduce
- > respondent burden, as well as to develop new surveys. Qualitative
- > methods include, but are not limited to, expert review; exploratory,
- > cognitive, and usability interviews; focus groups; and respondent
- > debriefings. Cognitive and usability interviews may include the use of
- > scenarios, paraphrasing, card sorts, vignette classifications, and
- > rating tasks. Quantitative methods include, but are not limited to,
- > telephone surveys, behavior coding, split panel tests, and field tests.
- > Use of the Information. The purpose of these studies is to use the
- > latest and most appropriate methodology to improve NSF surveys. The
- > data will be used internally to improve NSF surveys. Methodological
- > findings may be presented externally in technical papers at
- > conferences, published in the proceedings of conferences, or in
- > journals. Improved NSF surveys will help policy makers in decisions on
- > research and development funding, graduate education, and the

- > scientific and technical workforce, as well as contributing to reduced
- > survey costs.
- > Burden on the Public. NSF estimates that a total reporting and
- > recordkeeping burden of 14,950 hours will result from activities to
- > improve its surveys. The calculation is shown in Table 1:
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- > Table 1--Anticipated Surveys To Undertake Improvement Projects, Along
- > With the Number of Respondents and Burden Hours per Survey for Three
- > Year Period
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- > Number of
- > Survey name respondents Hours
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- > Graduate Student Survey..... \2\ 1,500 2,500
- > SESTAT Surveys..... 10,000 5,000
- > Postdoc Project..... 2,000 2,500
- > New and Redesigned R&D Surveys.....
- > Higher Education R&D..... 400 1,200
- > Government R&D..... 60 180
- > Nonprofit R&D..... 100 300
- > Business R&D..... 50 150
- > Microbusiness R&D..... 150 450
- > Survey of Scientific & Engineering 300 300
- > Facilities.....
- > Public Understanding of S&E Surveys..... 200 50
- > Survey of Earned Doctorates..... 700 450
- > Additional surveys not specified..... 1,200 1,200
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- > Total..... 16,660 14,280
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- > \1\ Number of respondents listed for any individual survey may represent
- > several methodological improvement projects.
- > \2\ This number refers to the science, engineering, and health-related
- > departments within the academic institutions of the United States (not
- > the academic institutions themselves).
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- > 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 on
- > respondents, including through the use of automated collection
- > techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to
- > minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are
- > to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,
- > electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or
- > other forms of information technology.
- > Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized
- > and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information
- > collection; they also will become a matter of public record.
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> Dated: December 22, 2009.  
> Suzanne Plimpton,  
> Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.  
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