

Cascade Mountains. Its commercial center is the city of Seattle. The counties in this market west of the Cascades are Clallum, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom, and the two counties east of the Cascade mountains are Chelan and Kittitas.

Absent the proposed acquisition, Holnam would likely have increased the amount of cement it supplied to the Puget Sound market, which would likely have resulted in a decrease in the price of cement. As originally structured, the proposed acquisition would likely have prevented this increase in supply because it contained a contractual provision that imposed a significant cost penalty on Lafarge for quantities of cement produced at the Holnam cement plant in excess of 85% of the plant's capacity. The proposed acquisition thus would have given Lafarge the incentive to restrict the output of cement at the Holnam plant in order to avoid the additional contractual cost. This would have prevented any increase in the supply of cement to the market and thus avoided the expected price decrease.

The proposed Consent Order would eliminate the contractual penalty provision. Therefore, Lafarge would no longer have this incentive to limit the amount of cement that it supplies to the Puget Sound area portland cement market.

By accepting the proposed Consent Order, the Commission anticipates that the competitive problems alleged in the draft complaint will be resolved. The purpose of this analysis is to aid public comment on the proposed Order. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed Order or to modify in any way their terms.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald Clark,**  
Secretary.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0259]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Market Research Questionnaire

**AGENCY:** Federal Supply Service, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for an extension to a previously approved OMB Clearance (3090-0259).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement entitled Market Research Questionnaire.

**DATES:** *Comment Due Date:* December 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Additional comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Marjorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Bacon, Federal Supply Service on (703) 305-6573.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve information collection, 3090-0259 concerning Market Research Questionnaire. The Market Research Questionnaires are used to gather information that is necessary to develop and/or revise Federal specifications and other purchase descriptions.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 25; annual responses: 25; average hours per response: 2.4; burden hours: 60.

##### Copy of Proposal

A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501-3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-3341.

Dated: October 15, 1998.

**Ida M. Ustad,**

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following request for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed prior to the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 and is essential to the mission of the Department. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 authorized the Department of Labor (DoL) to implement a new grant program to fund state and local efforts to get the hardest-to-serve welfare recipients into employment. The statute directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to develop a plan to evaluate how Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grants to states and tribes have been used. An interim evaluation report is due to Congress by January 1, 1999, and a final report is due by January 1, 2001.

DoL announced the first WtW competitive grants in May. The first formula grant funds were distributed to states in February. Once formula grant funds are awarded by DoL, states require additional time to distribute funds to substate operating entities. Since the WtW program operators have not had the WtW funds very long, it would not be feasible to collect the baseline information before fall 1998. Following the normal clearance procedures would cause the statutory deadline of January 1, 1999 to be missed.

Without emergency approval of the proposed information collections described below, the Department could not submit to Congress by January 1, 1999 the interim evaluation report for the Welfare-to-work grant program, as required by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

DHHS is requesting that OMB grant emergency approval by October 26, 1998 for 180 days.

*Title and Description of Information Collection:* Multi-site Evaluation of the Welfare-to-Work Grants Program—

NEW—As required by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, DHHS is planning a four-year project to evaluate the effectiveness of welfare-to-work initiatives undertaken through competitive and formula grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor. DHHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, in conjunction with DoL and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has designed an evaluation that will involve several rounds of data collection for grantees and grant program participants. The information collection instruments in this request for OMB approval consist of an all-grantee mail survey to gather baseline program information, and a protocol for conducting 35 site visits to gather more detailed preliminary information.

*Respondents:* State and Local Governments, Businesses or Other For-profit Organizations, Not-for-profit Institutions; *Burden Information for the Mail Survey—Number of Respondents:* 548; *Number of Responses per Respondent:* one; *Average Burden per Response:* .95 hours; *Total Burden for Mail Survey:* 521 hours— *Burden Information for the Site Visits—Number of Respondents:* 280; *Number of Responses per Respondent:* one; *Average Burden per Response:* 1 hour; *Total Burden of Site Visits:* 280 hours. *Total Burden:* 801 hours.

To request more information or a copy of the proposed data collection, please contact Alana Landey on 202-401-6636.

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.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be immediately sent directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Comments may be faxed to Ms. Eydt at 202-395-5167.

Please send a copy of your comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H,

Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20201.

Dated: October 14, 1998.

**Dennis P. Williams,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

*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 for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

#### 1. Proposed Project

*The State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey (SLAITS)—(0920-0406)-Revision*—The National Center for Health Statistics, (NCHS) is planning to expand from the short term pilot study phase to a long term integrated and coordinated survey system designed to collect needed health and welfare data at the state and local levels. Using the random-digit-dialing sampling frame from the ongoing National Immunization Survey (NIS) and

Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), the State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey (SLAITS) can quickly collect and produce data to monitor health status, child and family well-being, health care utilization, access to care, program participation, and changes in health care coverage at the state and local levels. These efforts are conducted in cooperation with state and local officials. SLAITS offers a centrally administered data collection mechanism with standardized questionnaires and quality control measures which allow comparability of estimates between states, over time, and with national data. As demonstrated in the pilot study phase, SLAITS is designed to allow for oversampling of population subdomains and to meet federal, state and local needs for subnational estimates which are compatible with national data.

Questionnaire content is drawn from existing surveys such as the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), the National Household Education Survey, and the National Survey of America's Families, as well as the three questionnaire modules that were developed for SLAITS during the pilot study phase. These modules include Health, Child Well-Being and Welfare, and Children's Health Insurance and Health Care Utilization.

The strategy of building on established survey systems provides several advantages. It is less costly than establishing a new system; the proposed questions have been thoroughly tested; and implementation can occur rapidly. Basing SLAITS on questions from the NHIS, CPS, and other national in-person surveys will allow for comparisons with national data. In addition, the quality of the estimates developed from the telephone survey can be improved with adjustments for households without telephones using health and socio-demographic information from telephone and non telephone households from the NHIS and other in-person surveys.

Funding for SLAITS is being sought through a variety of mechanisms including Foundation grants, State collaborations, and federal appropriation and evaluation monies. The level of implementation will depend on the amount of funding received and can be expanded as funding permits. Questionnaire modules will be compiled to address the data needs of interest to the federal, state or