Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before July 31, 2000. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: June 19, 2000.

Carol J. Jones,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Cooperative Agreement for Continued Management of ArtsLink

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notification of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts is requesting proposals leading to one (1) award of a Cooperative Agreement to a nonprofit organization for continued management of ArtsLink. ArtsLink is a public-private partnership that offers opportunities for artistic exchange between the United States and the countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. The project awards grants to U.S. artists and arts organizations, and supports residencies. The work includes managing all phases of proposal review, artists and residency placements, and the financial award process, including the management of logistical arrangements for residencies, in regard to participants' arrival, lodging, and transfer to host organization locations. The successful recipient of the Cooperative Agreement will be expected to contribute matching funds of at least $75,000. Those interested in receiving the Solicitation package should reference Program Solicitation PS 00–07 in their written request and include two (2) self-addressed labels. Verbal requests for the Solicitation will not be honored. It is anticipated that the Program Solicitation will also be posted on the Endowment's Web site at http://www.arts.gov.

DATES: Program Solicitation PS 00–07 is scheduled for release approximately July 17, 2000 with proposals due on August 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the Solicitation should be addressed to the National Endowment for the Arts, Grants & Contracts Office, Room 618, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Hummel, Grants & Contracts Office, National Endowment for the Arts, Room 618, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20506 (202/682–5482).

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection activities: Comment Request; Notice.

TITLE: Generic Survey Clearance of the Science Resources Studies Survey Improvement Projects and Quick Response Studies.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 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 new information collection.

COMMENT DUE DATE: Written comments should be received by August 28, 2000 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (703) 306–1125, or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. You may also obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments from Ms. Suzanne Plimpton, NSF Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 295, Arlington, VA 22230, phone (703) 306–1125. 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:

Abstract

Generic Survey Clearance of the Science Resources Studies Survey Improvement Projects and Quick Response Studies. The National Science Foundation's (NSF) Division of Science Resources Studies (SRS) needs to collect timely data on constant changes in the science and technology sector and to provide the information to policy makers in Congress and throughout the Government. SRS will sponsor quick response surveys and workshops on science and technology subjects, perform cognitive testing to improve survey methodology and questionnaires, and pretest questions for future large-scale surveys.

Expected Respondents

The respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and Federal agencies. Data and information collection will be by mail, Internet, World Wide Web, telephone, visits, and/or workshops. As the table below shows, as many as 355 institutions will be contacted. No institution will be contacted more than twice in one year. Members of the public may be contacted for a survey of public attitudes toward science.

The information from the respondents is needed to provide policy makers with updates of the economic, financial, employment, and education situation in the science and technology sector of industry, academia, and nonprofit organizations. The information will also help NSF improve its current data collection instruments and processes.

To minimize burden on small entities and to make sure that a high proportion of the science and technology universe is captured, most respondent selection will be designed with probability proportional to size. It is possible that during the 3 years of the survey clearance, NSF will study an issue that focuses on small entities, such as start-up high-technology companies. In this case, every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Information being collected is not considered to be sensitive. In general, assurance of data confidentiality will not be provided to respondents to the Generic Survey Clearance of the Science Resources Studies Survey Improvement Projects and Quick Response Studies. Instead, respondents have the option of requesting that any and all data they submit be kept confidential.

Use of the Information

The purpose of these studies is to collect information on the science and technology sector to respond to questions from policy makers and to improve the current NSF science and technology surveys. NSF will publish a separate report on the findings and also