III. Current Actions

The DOL seeks an approval for the extension of this information collection that requires the keeping of records by examiners and employers as necessary or appropriate for the administration of the Act and the provision of certain notices to polygraph examiners and examinees.

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Wage and Hour Division.
Title: Notice to Examinee, Employee Polygraph Protection Act.
OMB Number: 1235–0005.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms.
Total Respondents: 593,400.
Total Annual Responses: 593,400.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 68,739.
Estimated Time per Response: 30–45 minutes.
Frequency: On occasion.
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): $0.
Total Burden Costs (operation/maintenance): $1,254,427.

Dated: January 20, 2011.
Michael Hancock,
Assistant Administrator for Policy.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2013.
Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. * * *”

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:
• Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
• Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
• Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
• Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
• Other activities to promote these ends.

Over the years, NSF’s statutory authority has been modified in a number of significant ways. In 1968, authority to support applied research was added to the Organic Act. In 1980, the Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities Act gave NSF standing authority to support activities to improve the participation of women and minorities in science and engineering.

Another major change occurred in 1986, when engineering was accorded equal status with science in the Organic Act. NSF has always dedicated itself to providing the leadership and vision needed to keep the words and ideas embedded in its mission statement fresh and up-to-date. Even in today’s rapidly changing environment, NSF’s core purpose resonates clearly in everything it does: Promoting achievement and progress in science and engineering and enhancing the potential for research and education to contribute to the Nation.

While NSF’s vision of the future and the mechanisms it uses to carry out its charges have evolved significantly over the last four decades, its ultimate mission remains the same.

Use of the Information: The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 40,000 proposals annually for new projects, and makes approximately 10,500 new awards. Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on evaluations of proposal merit submitted to the Foundation.

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates that an average of 120 hours is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 40,000 proposals are expected during the course of one year for a total of 4,800,000 public burden hours annually.

Dated: January 24, 2011.
Suzanne H. Plimpton,
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