

Signed in Washington, DC, this 19th day of July, 2011.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Announcement Regarding States Triggering "Off" of Tiers Three and Four of Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08)

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Announcement regarding states triggering "off" of Tiers Three and Four of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) program.

Public law 111-312 extended provisions in public law 111-92 which amended prior laws to create a Third and Fourth Tier of benefits within the EUC08 program for qualified unemployed workers claiming benefits in high unemployment states. The Department of Labor produces a trigger notice indicating which states qualify for EUC08 benefits within Tiers Three and Four and provides the beginning and ending dates of payable periods for each qualifying state. The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EUC08 program can be found at: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.

Based on data published June 17 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the following trigger changes have occurred for states in the EUC08 program:

- Indiana's three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate fell below the 8.5% threshold to remain "on" in Tier Four of the EUC08 program. The week ending July 9, 2011 was the last week in which EUC claimants in Indiana could exhaust Tier Three, and establish Tier Four eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants may receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier Four after July 9, 2011. Eligibility for claimants has been reduced from a maximum potential entitlement of 53 weeks to a maximum potential entitlement of 47 weeks in the EUC08 program.

- Oklahoma's three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate fell below the 6% threshold to remain "on" in Tier Three of the EUC08 program. The week ending July 9, 2011

was the last week in which EUC claimants in Oklahoma could exhaust Tier Two, and establish Tier Three eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants may receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier Three after July 9, 2011. Eligibility for claimants has been reduced from a maximum potential entitlement of 47 weeks to a maximum potential entitlement of 34 weeks in the EUC08 program.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EUC program, and the terms and conditions under which they are payable, are governed by public laws 110-252, 110-449, 111-5, 111-92, 111-118, 111-144, 111-157, and 111-205, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. Persons who believe they may be entitled to additional benefits under the EUC08 program, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: gibbons.scott@dol.gov.

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MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: See List of Evaluation Related ICRs Planned for Submission to OMB in Section A

AGENCY: Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (the U.S. Institute), part of the Udall Foundation, is planning to submit seven Information

Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). All seven ICRs seek revisions to currently approved collections due to expire 12/31/2011 (OMB control numbers 3320-0003, 3320-0004, 3320-0005, 3320-0006, 3320-0007, 3320-0009 and 3320-0010). The seven ICRs are consolidated under a single filing to provide a more coherent picture of information collection activities designed primarily to measure performance. The proposed collections are necessary to support program evaluation activities. The collection is not expected to have a significant economic impact on respondents or to affect a substantial number of small entities.

Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, the U.S. Institute requests comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described at the beginning of the section labeled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Supporting statements for the proposed paperwork collections can be downloaded from the Institute's Web site <http://ecr.gov/Resources/EvaluationProgram.aspx>. Paper copies can be obtained from Patricia Orr, Director of Policy, Planning and Budget, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701, Fax: 520-670-5530, Phone: 520-901-8548, E-mail: orr@ecr.gov.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 26, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing this **Federal Register** Notice, by e-mail to orr@ecr.gov, or by fax to 520-670-5530, or by mail to the attention of Patricia Orr, Director of Policy, Planning and Budget, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

To comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) (Pub. L. 103-62), the U.S. Institute, as part of the Udall Foundation, produces an Annual Performance Budget and an Annual Performance and Accountability Report, linked directly to the goals and objectives outlined in the Institute's five-year Strategic Plan. The U.S. Institute's evaluation system is key to evaluating progress towards its performance goals. The U.S. Institute is committed to evaluating all of its projects, programs and services to measure and report on performance and also to use this information to learn from and improve its services. The

refined evaluation system has been carefully designed to support efficient and economical generation, analysis and use of this much-needed information, with an emphasis on performance measurement, learning and improvement.

As part of the program evaluation system, the U.S. Institute intends to collect specific information from participants in, and users of, several of its programs and services. Specifically, this Federal Notice covers seven programs and services: (1) Conflict assessment services; (2) environmental conflict resolution (ECR) and collaborative problem solving mediation services; (3) ECR and collaborative problem solving facilitation services; (4) training services; (5) facilitated meeting services; (6) roster program services; and (7) program support and services. Evaluations mainly involve administering questionnaires to process participants and professionals, as well as members and users of the National Roster. Responses by members of the public to the Institute's request for information (*i.e.*, questionnaires) are voluntary.

In 2003, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center (CPRC) to act as a named administrator of the U.S. Institute's currently approved information collections for evaluation. In 2008, OMB granted similar status to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution (CADR). The U.S. Institute, CPRC and CADR will seek approval as part of this proposed collection to continue this evaluation partnership. The U.S. Institute will also request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Conflict Resolution and Public Participation Center (CPC) be added as an additional named administrator. Since other agencies have periodically approached the U.S. Institute seeking evaluation assistance, the U.S. Institute will also request OMB approval to continue to administer the evaluation questionnaires on behalf of other agencies. The burden estimates in the ICRs take into consideration the multi-agency usage of the evaluation instruments.

Key Issues

The U.S. Institute invites comments that can be used to:

i. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the U.S. Institute, including whether the information will have practical utility;

ii. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

iii. Minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including suggestions concerning use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Section A. Information on Individual ICRs:

1. Conflict Assessment Services

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Program Evaluation Instruments for Conflict Assessment Services.

OMB Number: 3320-0003.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit, federal and state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Annual Number of Respondents: 430.

Total Annual Responses: 430.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Total Annual Hours: 36.00.

Total Burden Cost: \$1,700.00.

2. ECR and Collaborative Problem Solving Mediation Services

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Program Evaluation Instruments for ECR and Collaborative Problem Solving Mediation Services.

OMB Number: 3320-0004.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit, federal and state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Annual Number of Respondents: 1,975.

Total Annual Responses: 1,975.

Average Burden per Response: 18 minutes.

Total Annual Hours: 596.00.

Total Burden Cost: \$27,964.00.

3. ECR and Collaborative Problem Solving Facilitation Services

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Program Evaluation Instruments for ECR and Collaborative Problem Solving Facilitation Services.

OMB Number: 3320-0010.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit, federal and state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Annual Number of Respondents: 1,975.

Total Annual Responses: 1,975.

Average Burden per Response: 12 minutes.

Total Annual Hours: 404.00.

Total Burden Cost: \$19,036.00.

4. Training Services

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Program Evaluation Instruments for Training Services.

OMB Number: 3320-0006.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit, federal and state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Annual Number of Respondents: 1,560.

Total Annual Responses: 1,560.

Average Burden per Response: 5.5 minutes.

Total Annual Hours: 143.

Total Burden Cost: \$6,721.

5. Facilitated Meeting Services

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Title of Information Collection: Program Evaluation Instruments for Facilitated Meeting Services.

OMB Number: 3320-0007.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit, federal and state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Annual Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Total Annual Responses: 3,000.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Total Annual Hours: 252.

Total Burden Cost: \$11,752.

6. Roster Program Services

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Program Evaluation Instruments for Roster Program Services.

OMB Number: 3320-0005.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit, federal and state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Annual Number of Respondents: 550.

Total Annual Responses: 550.

Average Burden per Response: 3.5 minutes.

Total Annual Hours: 32.

Total Burden Cost: \$1,488.

7. Program Support Services

Type of Information Collection:
Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection:
Program Evaluation Instruments for Program Support Services.

OMB Number: 3320-0009.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit, federal and state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Annual Number of Respondents: 40.

Total Annual Responses: 40.

Average Burden per Response: 5.

Total Annual Hours: 3.33.

Total Burden Cost: \$157.

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 5601-5609.

Dated: July 18, 2011.

Ellen Wheeler,

Executive Director, Udall Foundation.

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Designation of Eight Counties as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas

AGENCY: Office of National Drug Control Policy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy has designated eight additional counties as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 1706. The new counties are (1) Orange County in New York as part of the New York/New Jersey HIDTA; (2) Medocino County in California as part of the Northern California HIDTA; (3) Porter County in Indiana as part of the Lake County HIDTA; (4) Lexington and Richland Counties in South Carolina as part of the Atlanta HIDTA; (5) Harford County in Maryland as part of the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA; (6) Putnam and Mercer Counties in West Virginia as part of the Appalachia HIDTA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please direct any questions to Travis Norvell, Policy Analyst, National HIDTA Program, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC 20502; (202) 395-6789.

Daniel R. Petersen,

Deputy General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Buy American Waiver Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NSF is hereby granting a limited project-specific exemption of section 1605 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 303 (2009), with respect to incidental items costing \$10,000 or less used in and incorporated into the Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV) project.

DATES: July 26, 2011.

ADDRESSES: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey Leithead, Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support, 703-292-4595.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and section 176.80 of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the National Science Foundation (NSF) hereby provides notice that on July 6, 2011 the NSF Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with a delegation order from the Director of the agency on 27 May 2010, granted a de minimis exemption of section 1605 of the Recovery Act (Buy American provision) with respect to each incidental item costing \$10,000 or less that is used in and incorporated into the ARRV project. The basis for this exemption is section 1605(b)(1) of the Recovery Act, in that executing individual exemptions for incidental items costing \$10,000 or less is not in the public interest. The total cost of incidental items requiring use of this limited exemption is expected to be less than \$750,000, which represents less than 0.5% of the total Recovery Act award.

I. Background

The Recovery Act appropriated \$400 million to NSF for several projects being funded by the Foundation's Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) account. The ARRV is one of NSF's MREFC projects. Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act, the Buy American provision, states that none of the funds appropriated by the Act "may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and

manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States."

The ARRV has been developed under a cooperative agreement awarded to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) that began in 2007. UAF executed the shipyard contract in December 2009 and the project is currently under construction. The purpose of the Recovery Act is to stimulate economic recovery in part by funding current construction projects like the ARRV that are "shovel ready" without requiring projects to revise their standards and specifications, or to restart the bidding process.

Subsections 1605(b) and (c) of the Recovery Act authorize the head of a Federal department or agency to waive the Buy American provision if the head of the agency finds that: (1) Applying the provision would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) the relevant goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or (3) the inclusion of the goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the project by more than 25 percent. If the head of the Federal department or agency waives the Buy American provision, then the head of the department or agency is required to publish a detailed justification in the **Federal Register**.

Finally, section 1605(d) of the Recovery Act states that the Buy American provision must be applied in a manner consistent with the United States' obligations under international agreements.

NSF has previously granted exemptions for purchase of the bow thruster [75 FR 9256 (March 1, 2010)], anti-roll tank control system [76 FR 184 (January 3, 2011)], weather fax [76 FR 186 (January 3, 2011)], ultrasonic antifouling system [76 FR 35920 (June 20, 2011)], and HVAC generators [76 FR 35919 (June 20, 2011)]; all of which were in excess of this \$10,000 de minimus waiver and not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities.

II. Finding That Individual Exemptions for Incidental Items Are Not in the Public Interest

Ship construction projects typically involve the use of literally hundreds of miscellaneous, generally low-cost items that are essential for, but incidental to, the construction of the vessel. These items are permanently incorporated into the physical structure and connected to other sub-systems in the ship and include such things as galley appliances, stateroom furnishings,