

to meet the 8.5% trigger threshold to trigger "on" in Tier 4 of the EUC 2008 program. The 13 week mandatory "on" period in New York for Tier 4 of the EUC program will begin June 4, 2012. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement in the EUC program will increase from 47 weeks to 53 weeks.

- States that are triggered "on" to Tier 4 of the EUC08 program, but not triggered "on" to EB, may be eligible to augment the entitlement for new Tier 4 claimants with a maximum potential duration of 16 weeks. This ability to augment the entitlement of new Tier 4 claimants concluded with the week ending May 26, 2012. Starting May 27, 2012, all claimants exhausting Tier 3 who establish entitlement in Tier 4 will only be eligible for up to 6 weeks of benefits. Claimants who had previously been augmented with 16 weeks of benefits can continue to draw those benefits. States currently affected by this provision are Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oregon, Puerto Rico, and South Carolina.

Under Public Law 112-96, the current total unemployment rate trigger thresholds used to establish state eligibility for the tiers of EUC are scheduled to change. Currently, and through the week ending May 26, 2012, Tiers 1 and 2 do not require any specific TUR trigger rate, Tier 3 requires a 6% TUR trigger rate and Tier 4 requires an 8.5% TUR trigger rate. The current trigger notices reflect state eligibility under these TUR trigger rate thresholds. With the week beginning May 27, the following changes will take effect:

- Tier 1 will continue to be open to all claimants with EUC eligibility, with no changes.
- Tier 2 will require states to have at least a 6% TUR trigger rate.
- Tier 3 will require states to have at least a 7% TUR trigger rate.
- Tier 4 will require states to have at least a 9% TUR trigger rate.

Because new unemployment rates will not be released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics before May 27, when Public Law 112-96 causes changes in the rates necessary to be "on" in certain Tiers of EUC, states can now know with certainty if they will have an "off" indicator in a Tier of EUC with the week ending June 2.

- States that will be below the rate necessary to remain on in Tier 2 under the new 6% trigger threshold are: IA, MN, NE., NH, ND, OK, SD, UT, VT, VA, and WY. These states will have an "off" indicator in EUC Tier 2 with the week ending June 2, 2012. The week ending

June 23, 2012 will be the last week in which EUC claimants in those states could exhaust Tier 1 and establish eligibility in Tier 2. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants could receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 2 after June 23, 2012.

- States that will be below the rate necessary to remain on in Tier 3 under the new 7% trigger threshold are: DE, HI, KS, MD, MA, MT, WV, and WI. These states will have an "off" indicator in EUC Tier 3 with the week ending June 2, 2012. The week ending June 23, 2012 will be the last week in which EUC claimants in those states could exhaust Tier 2 and establish eligibility in Tier 3. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants could receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 3 after June 23, 2012.

- States that will be below the rate necessary to remain on in Tier 4 under the new 9% trigger threshold are: AZ, IL, KY, MI, and OR. These states will have an "off" indicator in EUC Tier 4 with the week ending June 2, 2012. The week ending June 23, 2012 will be the last week in which EUC claimants in those states could exhaust Tier 3 and establish eligibility in Tier 4. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants could receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 4 after June 23, 2012.

#### Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EUC08 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, 111-205, 111-312, 112-96, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the Department. The duration of benefits payable in the EB program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the Department.

In the case of a state concluding an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of any change in potential entitlement to each individual who had established eligibility for EB (20 CFR 615.13 (c)(4)). Persons who believe they may be entitled to benefits under the EB or EUC08 programs, 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 Unemployment Insurance,

200 Constitution Avenue NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4524, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: [gibbons.scott@dol.gov](mailto:gibbons.scott@dol.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC, this 31st day of May, 2012.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Education and Human Resources Project Monitoring Clearance

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to establish this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by August 6, 2012 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 22030, or by email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto: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).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Education and Human Resources Project Monitoring Clearance.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-NEW.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection.

*Abstract:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests establishment of program accountability data collections that describe and track the impact of NSF funding that focuses on the Nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and STEM workforce. NSF funds grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to colleges, universities, and other eligible institutions, and provides graduate research fellowships to individuals in all parts of the United States and internationally.

The Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR), a unit within NSF, promotes rigor and vitality within the Nation's STEM education enterprise to further the development of the 21st century's STEM workforce and public scientific literacy. EHR does this through diverse projects and programs that support research, extension,

outreach, and hands-on activities that service STEM learning and research at all institutional (e.g., pre-school through postdoctoral) levels in formal and informal settings; and individuals of all ages (birth and beyond). EHR also focuses on broadening participation in STEM learning and careers among United States citizens, permanent residents, and nationals, particularly those individuals traditionally underemployed in the STEM research workforce, including but not limited to women, persons with disabilities, and racial and ethnic minorities.

The scope of this information collection request will primarily cover descriptive information gathered from education and training projects that are funded by NSF. NSF will primarily use the data from this collection for program planning, management, and audit purposes to respond to queries from the Congress, the public, NSF's external merit reviewers who serve as advisors, including Committees of Visitors (COVs), the NSF's Office of the Inspector General and as a basis for either internal or third-party evaluations of individual programs.

The collections will generally include three categories of descriptive data: (1) Staff and project participants (data that are also necessary to determine individual-level treatment and control groups for future third-party study or for internal evaluation); (2) project implementation characteristics (also necessary for future use to identify well-matched comparison groups); and (3) project outputs (necessary to measure baseline for pre- and post- NSF-funding-level impacts).

*Use of the Information:* This information is required for effective

administration, communication, program and project monitoring and evaluation, and for measuring attainment of NSF's program, project, and strategic goals, and as identified by the President's Accountability in Government Initiative; GPRA, and the NSF's Strategic Plan. The Foundation's FY 2011- 2016 Strategic Plan may be found at: [http://www.nsf.gov/news/strategicplan/nsfstrategicplan\\_2011\\_2016.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/news/strategicplan/nsfstrategicplan_2011_2016.pdf).

Since this collection will primarily be used for accountability and evaluation purposes, including responding from queries from COVs and other scientific experts, a census rather than sampling design typically is necessary. At the individual project level funding can be adjusted based on individual project's responses to some of the surveys. Some data collected under this collection will serve as baseline data for separate research and evaluation studies.

NSF-funded contract or grantee researchers and internal or external evaluators in part may identify control, comparison, or treatment groups for NSF's ET portfolio using some of the descriptive data gathered through this collection to conduct well-designed, rigorous research and portfolio evaluation studies.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, business or other for profit, and Federal, State, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 9,341.

*Burden on the Public:* NSF estimates that a total reporting and recordkeeping burden of 63,947 hours will result from activities to monitor EHR STEM education programs. The calculation is shown in Table 1.

**TABLE 1—ANTICIPATED PROGRAMS THAT WILL COLLECT DATA ON PROJECT PROGRESS AND OUTCOMES ALONG WITH THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS AND BURDEN HOURS PER COLLECTION PER YEAR**

Collection title	No of respondents	No of responses	Annual hour burden
Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Research Infrastructure for Science and Engineering (HBCU-RISE) Monitoring System.	37	37	1,374
Graduate STEM Fellows in K-12 Education (GK-12) Monitoring System	1,626	1,626	3,941
Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program (IGERT) Monitoring System.	4,658	4,658	12,156
Informal Science Education (ISE) Monitoring System	157	157	2,047
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Monitoring System.	518	518	17,094
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Bridge to the Doctorate (LSAMP-BD) Monitoring System.	50	50	3,600
Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program (Noyce) Monitoring System	294	294	3,822
Research in Disabilities Education (RDE) Monitoring System	49	49	2,781
Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program (S-STEM) Monitoring System.	500	1,000 (500 respondents × 2 responses/yr.)	6,000
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) Monitoring System.	242	242	6,292

TABLE 1—ANTICIPATED PROGRAMS THAT WILL COLLECT DATA ON PROJECT PROGRESS AND OUTCOMES ALONG WITH THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS AND BURDEN HOURS PER COLLECTION PER YEAR—Continued

Collection title	No of respondents	No of responses	Annual hour burden
Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (TUES) Monitoring System.	1,210	1,210	4,840
Additional Collections not Specified	900	900	1,200
Total	10,241	10,741	65,147

The total estimate for this collection is 63,947 annual burden hours. The average annual reporting burden is between 1.5 and 72 hours per “respondent,” depending on whether a respondent is a direct participant who is self-reporting or representing a project and reporting on behalf of many project participants.

Dated: June 4, 2012.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The NTSB is announcing that it has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This ICR described completion of a Web-based form used to collect reports of certain resolution advisories (RAs), in accordance with 49 CFR 830.5(a)(10). This Notice informs the public that it may submit comments concerning the NTSB’s proposed collection of information to the NTSB Desk Officer at the OMB.

**DATES:** Submit written comments regarding this proposed collection of information by July 9, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Respondents may submit written comments on the collection of information directly to the Desk Officer for National Transportation Safety Board, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202–395–5806, or by electronic mail at [oir\\_docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_docket@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Dunham, NTSB Office of Aviation Safety, at (202) 314–6387.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the NTSB previously published a Notice in the **Federal Register** indicating its proposal to collect the following information: (1) Confirmation that the incident to be reported falls under the scope of the rule; (2) contact information, such as the submitter’s name, company (if any), email address, and telephone number; (3) information about the flight and aircraft, such as the call sign, type of aircraft, location and time of the occurrence, and altitude at which the aircraft experienced the RA; (4) information about the air traffic control (ATC) services being provided to the aircraft when the RA occurred, such as the ATC facility name and communications frequency in use; and (5) a brief description of the RA type and circumstances of the incident. 75 FR 15460 (March 29, 2010). Title 49 CFR 830.5(a)(10), which requires reports of certain RAs, does not require completion of the Web-based form; however, the NTSB has created the Web-based medium in order to provide respondents with the option of completing it, in lieu of placing phone calls or sending other written communications to the NTSB Office of Aviation Safety.

The NTSB did not receive any comments in response to the Notice of information collection. At this juncture, in accordance with OMB regulations that require this additional Notice for proposed ICRs, the NTSB seeks to notify the public that it may submit comments on this proposed ICR to OMB. 5 CFR 1320.10(a). Section 1320.10(a) requires this “notice directing requests for information, including copies of the proposed collection of information and supporting documentation, to the [NTSB].” Section 1320.10(a) also requires the NTSB request that comments be submitted to OMB, directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for NTSB, within 30 days

of this notice’s publication. Pursuant to § 1320.10(a), the NTSB will provide a copy of this notice, together with the date of expected publication, to OMB. Under § 1320.10(b), within 60 days of the receipt of the aforementioned documents, OMB will notify the NTSB of its decision to approve or disapprove the collection of information described herein. Section 1320.10(b) also states OMB shall provide at least 30 days for public comment after receipt of the proposed collection of information before making its decision.

You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the NTSB to perform its mission; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the NTSB to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The NTSB will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Respondents’ completion of the proposed Web-based form is voluntary, as respondents who seek to report an incident under 49 CFR 830.5(a)(10) may do so by telephone or email. The Web-based form will be available on the NTSB Web site. The form is not duplicative of other agencies’ collections of information. The NTSB estimates that respondents will spend approximately 10 minutes in completing the form. The NTSB estimates that approximately 120 respondents per year will complete the form.

Dated: May 31, 2012.

**Deborah A.P. Hersman,**  
*Chairman.*

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