

information collection request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, including, among other things, a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) and e-mail [king.darrin@dol.gov](mailto:king.darrin@dol.gov).

Interested parties are encouraged to send written comments on or before March 17, 2008 to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Katherine Astrich, Desk Officer for the Veterans' Employment Training Service, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, e-mail [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

*Type of Review:* Revision of currently approved collection.

*Title:* Federal Contractor Veterans' Report VETS-100/VETS-100A.

*OMB Control Number:* 1293-0005.

*Agency Form Numbers:* VETS-100 and VETS-100A.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector: Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 156,200.

*Estimated Annual Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Description:* The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 ("VEVRRA"), 38 U.S.C. 4212(d), requires Federal contractors and subcontractors subject to the Act's affirmative action provisions in 38 U.S.C. 4212(a) to track and report annually to the Secretary of Labor the number of employees in their workforces, by job category and hiring location, who belong to the specified categories of covered veterans. The regulations set forth in 41 CFR part 61-250 currently require contractors to use the Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100 ("VETS-100 Report") form for reporting information on the number of covered veterans in their workforces. The part 61-250 regulations and the VETS-100 Report apply to contractors with contracts that were entered into before December 1, 2003.

The Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA) (Pub. L. 107-288), which was enacted in 2002, amended VEVRRA by making two changes to the reporting requirements applicable to contracts entered into on or after December 1, 2003. The JVA amendments: (1) Increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000, the dollar amount of the contract that subjects a Federal contractor to the requirement to report on veterans' employment; and (2) changed the categories of covered veterans under VEVRRA, and thus the categories of veterans that contractors are required to track and report on annually.

VETS published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published on August 8, 2006, (71 FR 44945), to implement the changes made by JVA to the VEVRRA reporting requirements. The NPRM proposed to adopt a new set of regulations that would be codified in a new 41 CFR part 61-300. In addition, the NPRM proposed to adopt a new form for reporting the information on veterans' employment required by the JVA amendments and name it the Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100A. The part 60-300 regulations and the VETS-100A Report will apply to contractors with contracts that were entered into or modified on or after December 1, 2003. The information collected is to be used by the Department of Labor for compliance monitoring. For additional information, see related notice

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**Darrin A. King,**

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## **MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection**

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) announces that it is planning to submit a request for a three-year extension of an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting this ICR to OMB for review and approval, MSPB is soliciting comments on specific aspects of its information collection activities as described below.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 15, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Dr. Dee Ann Batten, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20419.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Dr. Dee Ann Batten at (202) 653-6772, ext. 1411.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The MSPB intends to ask for a three-year renewal of its Generic Clearance Request for Voluntary Customer Surveys, OMB Control No. 3124-0012. Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards," mandates that agencies identify their customers and survey them to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services.

In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this request is estimated to vary from 5 minutes to 30 minutes, with an average of 15 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

In the estimated annual reporting burden listed below, the reason that the annual number of respondents differs from the number of total annual responses is that the latter figure assumes a 60% response rate. Our experience has been that fewer than 60% of those invited to participate in our voluntary customer surveys avail themselves of that opportunity.

In addition, the MSPB invites comments on (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSPB's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of MSPB's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

5 CFR parts	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201, 1208, and 1209 .....	2,500	1	1,500	0.25	375

**William D. Spencer,**  
Clerk of the Board.

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Continue an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing an opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by April 15, 2008 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](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone 703-292-7556; or send e-mail 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 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* National Science Foundation Science Honorary Awards.  
*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0035.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* July 31, 2008.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to continue an information collection for three years.

*Abstract:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) administers several honorary awards, among them the President's National Medal of Science, the Alan T. Waterman Award, the NSB Vannevar Bush Award, and the NSB Public Service Award.

In 2003, to comply with E-government requirements, the nomination processes were converted to electronic submission through the National Science Foundation's (NSF) FastLane system. Individuals can now prepare nominations and references through <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards>. First-time users must register on the Fastlane Web site using the link found in the upper right-hand corner above the "Log In" box before accessing any of the honorary award categories.

*Use of the Information:* The Foundation has the following honorary award programs:

- President's National Medal of Science. Statutory authority for the President's National Medal of Science is contained in 42 U.S.C. 1881 (Pub. L. 86-209), which established the award and stated that

"(t)he President shall \* \* \* award the Medal on the recommendations received from the National Academy of Sciences or on the basis of such other information and evidence as \* \* \* appropriate."

Subsequently, Executive Order 10961 specified procedures for the Award by establishing a National Medal of Science Committee which would "receive recommendations made by any other nationally representative scientific or engineering organization." On the basis of these recommendations, the Committee was directed to select its candidates and to forward its recommendations to the President.

In 1962, to comply with these directives, the Committee initiated a solicitation form letter to invite these nominations. In 1979, the Committee initiated a nomination form as an attachment to the solicitation letter. A slightly modified version of the nomination form was used in 1980.

The Committee established the following guidelines for selection of candidates:

1. Principal criterion: The total impact of an individual's work on the current state of physical, biological, mathematical, engineering or social and behavioral sciences.
2. Achievements of an unusually significant nature in relation to the potential effects on the development of scientific thought.
3. Unusually distinguished service in the general advancement of science and engineering, especially when accompanied by substantial contributions to the content of science. Recognition by peers within the scientific community.
4. Contributions to innovation and industry.
5. Influence on education through publications, teaching activities, outreach, mentoring, etc.
6. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who has applied for citizenship.

In 2003, the Committee changed the active period of eligibility to three years, including the year of nomination. After that time, candidates must be renominated with a new nomination package for them to be considered by the Committee.