DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Evaluation of the American Apprenticeship Initiative Office of the Secretary

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the information collection request (ICR) proposal titled, “Evaluation of the American Apprenticeship Initiative,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before September 24, 2018.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov website at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAView
ICR?ref_nbr=201802-1290-002 (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL–OS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202–395–5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Comments are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor—OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks OMB authority for the Evaluation of the American Apprenticeship Initiative (AAI) information collection. More specifically, this ICR seeks clearance for data collection activities conducted as part of the evaluation’s implementation study of the AAI grants and impact study of employer outreach practices in a subset of the AAI grantees. American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 section 414(c) authorizes this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 3224a(7).

This proposed information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a
collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on September 13, 2017 (82 FR 43038).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB ICR Reference Number 201802–1290–002. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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: DOL–OS.


OMB ICR Reference Number: 201802–1290–002.

Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 31.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 1,688.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 536 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.


Dated: August 17, 2018.

Michel Smyth,
Departmental Clearance Officer.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2019

AGENCY: Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for FY 2019.

SUMMARY: OMB is issuing the OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2019 to report on the status of the discretionary caps and on the compliance of pending discretionary appropriations legislation with those caps.

DATES: The report is effective on August 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The OMB Sequestration Reports to the President and Congress is available on-line on the OMB home page at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative/sequestration-reports-orders/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Tobasko, 6202 New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, Email address: ttobasko@omb.eop.gov, telephone number: (202) 395–5745, FAX number: (202) 395–4768. Because of delays in the receipt of regular mail related to security screening, respondents are encouraged to use electronic communications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 254 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue a Sequestration Update Report by August 20th of each year. With regard to this update report and to each of the three required sequestration reports, section 254(b) specifically mandates that each report required by this section shall be submitted, in the case of CBO, to the House of Representatives, the Senate and OMB and, in the case of OMB, to the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the President on the day it is issued and that OMB publish a notice announcing the report in the Federal Register. For fiscal year 2018, the report finds enacted appropriations to be at the spending limits. For fiscal year 2019, the report finds that, if the current caps remain unchanged, actions to date by the House of Representatives for the 12 annual appropriations bills would remain within both the defense and non-defense caps under OMB estimates. The report also finds that actions by the Senate for non-defense programs are within the caps but slightly over the defense cap by $7 million. OMB does not believe the breach in the defense cap by the Senate would trigger a sequestration in 2019, if enacted, because the breach can be attributed to estimating differences OMB has with the Congressional Budget Office and the Congress is expected to enact and allowance (as it has done in previous years) to account for such differences. Finally, the report contains OMB’s Preview Estimate of the Disaster Relief Funding Adjustment for FY 2019. The calculation of the Preview Estimate takes into account changes in the disaster formula enacted in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018.

John Mulvaney,
Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:


Date and Time: September 25, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room C3090, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Type of Meeting: Part Open.

Contact Person: Charles Estabrook, PIRE Program Manager, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Telephone 703–727–2227.

Purpose of Meeting: NSF reverse site visit to conduct a review during year 2 of the five-year award period. To conduct an in depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

Agenda: See attached.

Reason for Closing: Topics to be discussed and evaluated during closed portions of the reverse site review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.