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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request, Proposed Collection: State Library Administrative Agencies Survey FY 2016 & FY 2018

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Service (“IMLS”) as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comments concerning the continuance of the State Library Administrative Agencies Survey for FY 2016 & FY 2018.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **CONTACT** section below on or before December 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Matthew Birnbaum, Supervisory Social Science Researcher, Office of Impact Assessment and Learning, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Birnbaum can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4760, Fax: 202-653-4601, or by e-mail at mbirnbaum@imls.gov or by teletype (TTY/TDD) at 202-653-4614.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is an independent Federal grant-making agency and is the primary source of federal support for the Nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. IMLS provides a variety of grant programs to assist the Nation's museums and libraries in improving their operations and enhancing their services to the public. IMLS is responsible for identifying national needs for and trends in museum, library, and information services; measuring and reporting on the impact and effectiveness of museum, library and information services throughout the United States, including programs conducted with funds made available by IMLS; identifying, and disseminating information on, the best practices of such programs; and developing plans to improve museum, library and information services of the United States and strengthen national, State, local, regional, and international communications and cooperative networks (20 U.S.C. Chapter 72, 20 U.S.C. 9108).

OMB is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- 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 the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Abstract: The State Library Administrative Agencies Survey has been conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the clearance number 3137-0072, which expires 11/30/2016. State Library Administrative Agencies (“SLAAs”) are the official agencies of each state charged by state law with the extension and development of public library services throughout the state. (20 U.S.C. Chapter 72, 20 U.S.C. §9122.) The purpose of this survey is to provide state and federal policymakers with information about SLAAs, including their governance, allied operations, developmental services to libraries and library systems, support of electronic information networks and resources, number and types of outlets, and direct services to the public. Through the FY 2010 collection, the SLAA Survey was conducted annually; beginning with the FY 2012 collection, the survey is conducted biennially. Because the FY 2016 collection will not begin until early 2017, we are carrying over the documentation and estimated burden associated with the FY 2014 data.

Current Actions: This notice proposes clearance of the State Library Agencies Survey. The 60-day notice for the State Library Administrative Agencies Survey, FY 2016 & FY 2018, was published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2016 (81FR 3093933710-33711). No comments were received.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: State Library Administrative Agencies Survey, FY 2014

OMB Number: 3137-0072

Agency Number: 3137

Affected Public: Federal, State and local governments, State library administrative agencies, libraries, general public.

Number of Respondents: 51

Frequency: Biennially

Burden hours per respondent: 25

Total burden hours: 1,275

Total Annual Costs: \$35,623

CONTACT: Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, *Attn.:* OMB Desk Officer for Education, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

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