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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; 30-day Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Surveys of Customers and Partners of the Office of Extramural Research of the National Institutes of Health

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on February 16, 2017, and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this application.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-6974, Attention: NIH Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments or contact: Dr. Paula Y. Goodwin, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Extramural Programs, OER, NIH, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-9232 or E-mail your request, including your address to: OEPMailbox@mail.nih.gov. Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Extramural Programs (OEP), Office of Extramural Research (OER), National Institutes of Health (NIH), may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the NIH has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below.

Proposed collection: Generic Clearance for Surveys of Customers and Partners of the Office of Extramural Research of the National Institutes of Health - 0925-0627 – Reinstatement without change - Office of the Director (OD), Office of Extramural Research (OER), Office of Extramural Programs (OEP), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: OER develops, coordinates the implementation of, and evaluates NIH-wide policies and procedures for the award of extramural funds. To move forward with our initiatives to ensure success in accomplishing the NIH

mission, input from partners and customers is essential. Quality management principles have been integrated into OER's culture and these surveys will provide customer satisfaction input on various elements of OER's business processes. The approximately 14 (10 quantitative and 4 qualitative) customer satisfaction surveys that will be conducted under this generic clearance will gather and measure customer and partner satisfaction with OER processes and operations. The data collected from these surveys will provide the feedback to track and gauge satisfaction with NIH's statutorily mandated operations and processes. OER/OD/NIH will present data and outcomes from these surveys to inform the NIH staff, officers, leadership, advisory committees, and other decision-making bodies as appropriate. Based on feedback from these stakeholders, OER/OD/NIH will formulate improvement plans and take action when necessary.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 1911.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

QUANTITATIVE SURVEY

| Type of Respondents | Number of Respondents | Frequency of Response | Average Time per Response (in hours) | Annual Hours of Burden Per Survey |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Science professionals – applicants, reviewers, Institutional Officials | 1500 | 1 | 20/60 | 500 |
| Adult science trainees | 1000 | 1 | 20/60 | 333 |
| General public | 2500 | 1 | 20/60 | 833 |
| Totals | 5,000 | 5000 | | 1,666 |

QUALITATIVE SURVEY

| Type of Respondents | Number of Respondents | Frequency of Response | Average Time per Response (in hours) | Annual Hours of Burden Per Survey |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Science professionals – applicants, reviewers, Institutional Officials | 200 | 1 | 1 | 200 |
| Adult science trainees | 25 | 1 | 1 | 25 |
| General public | 20 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| Totals | 245 | 245 | | 245 |

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