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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; the NIST Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers (NIST Summer Institute) and the NIST Research Experience for Teachers (NIST RET) Application Requirements

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice, agency information collection activities.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at PRAComments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to *Susan Heller-Zeisler: (301) 975-3111; Susan.Heller-Zeisler@nist.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request to revise and extend the expiration date of this currently approved information collection.

The NIST Summer Institute and the NIST RET are competitive financial assistance (cooperative agreement) programs designed to support middle school science teachers to participate in hands-on workshops, lectures, tours, visits, or in scientific research with scientists and engineers in NIST laboratories in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The workshops provide teachers with instructional information and ideas to use in their teaching, and emphasize the measurement science done at NIST. The Program provides a world-class opportunity for those teaching our nation's next generation of scientists to learn more about the subjects they teach and the research in those subjects at NIST, and to offer a platform from which teachers can inspire their students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

To receive funding, nominated teachers must submit applications through their U.S. public school districts or U.S. accredited private educational institutions for potential selection to participate in the NIST Summer Institute or the NIST RET. This request is for the information collection requirements associated with applying for funding. The information is used to perform the requisite reviews of the application to determine if an award should be granted.

II. Method of Collection

Applications may be submitted electronically via <http://www.grants.gov>.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0059.

Form Number: NIST-1103.

Type of Review: Revision and Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Households and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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