



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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Control Number 1018-New]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Training System**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review – Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1018-Acadis in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madonna L. Baucum, Service

Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358–2503. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the information collection request (ICR) at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

On October 9, 2020, we published in the *Federal Register* (85 FR 64157) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on December 8, 2020. We did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this 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) How might the agency 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 response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* The Branch of Training and Inspection (BTI) in the Service's Office of Law Enforcement coordinates and conducts training for Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, and administrative staff, as well as for State, Native American, and foreign individuals responsible for wildlife and habitat protection. Over the past decade, there have been substantial increases in the numbers of programs and individuals trained, hours of training provided, and numbers of training sites.

There is a critical need for a comprehensive, reliable, and secure internet-based system capable of enhancing the Service's ability to plan, coordinate, and track the increased training-associated information and workflow, as well as the associated equipment, materials, and supplies required to successfully

accomplish and sustain our vital training environments.

The BTI purchased the Acadis Readiness Suite, by Envisage Technologies. This software suite provides the Service with the opportunity to enhance the standardization of many of the internal processes associated with training and also provides us with an improved ability to respond to inquiries from Congress, the Department of the Interior, and other external agencies. The software suite will enhance the ability of the BTI to:

- Schedule/track internal and external training events;
- Improve the ability to register/track both our internal and external student population;
- To maintain training records throughout the career of Service personnel;
- To improve the ability to test and survey Service student populations;
- To establish a robust lesson plan repository; and
- To respond to inquiries from internal and external agencies.

In order to administer this proposed collection of information, the Service (in consultation with trainee recommendations provided to the Service by U.S. Embassies and the State Department) will collect the following information from prospective trainees as part of the registration process:

- Applicant's full legal name;
- Photograph;
- Biography;
- Gender;
- Date of birth;
- Last four digits of Social Security Number;
- Email address;
- Home address and telephone number;

- Years of law enforcement officer experience;
- Highest education level;
- Agency name and address, title/rank, and level in agency;
- Emergency contact name and phone number; and
- Supervisor's name, email address, and phone number.

In addition to the required information above, international course participants will also be required to provide the following, which would be used only in the event of an emergency:

- Passport number and country of issue;
- Passport expiration date;
- National ID number; and
- Languages spoken.

We will use two separate registration forms, one for U.S. citizens attending the domestic training programs and the other for international students who will attend training programs here in the United States. The U.S. citizens do not need a current passport or international identification number, because they will not be entering into the United States. Our international partners will be entering the United States and thus will need to ensure their documentation is valid for entry into the country.

Participants will each automatically receive the post-course evaluation form, which asks them to provide feedback on the following:

- Length of experience;
- Program length;
- Overall ratings;
- Content, presentation, and course materials;
- Labs, practical exercises, and written exams;

- Program outcomes; and
- General comments.

The Service will use the information collected to record, track, and manage training records of domestic and foreign students affiliated with law enforcement agencies who attend training offered by the Service. The information will provide us with the capability to search the records of previous attendees (upon official inquiry only) by name, country of origin, or specific identifying number. We will only use students' information in the Acadis Readiness Suite for administrative functions such as signing up/registering for training, training history, and training requirements. In the international survey, we also ask specific questions about language proficiency to determine what type and how many interpreters will be needed in the program; this information assists us in creating breakout groups.

The authorities for the Service to collect the required information necessary to administer training programs utilizing the Acadis Readiness Suite include:

- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668–668c);
- Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42–43; 16 U.S.C. 3371–3378);
- National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee);
- Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718–718h);
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703–712);
- Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543);
- Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361–1407);
- Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k–460k-4);
- Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1202–1527);

- Uniform Federal Crime Reporting Act (28 U.S.C. 534);
- USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (Pub. L. No. 107-56);
- USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–177);
- Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–458);
- Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–296);
- Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 – Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors; and
- Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies, 28 CFR part 23.

*Title of Collection:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement

Training System.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018–New.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Domestic and international students who attend the law enforcement/conservation training offered by the Service’s BTI.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time for the initial registration, and on occasion for training session selections and post-course evaluations.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

Requirement	Average Number of Annual Respondents	Average Number of Responses Each	Average Number of Annual Responses	Average Completion Time per Response	Estimated Annual Burden Hours
<b>Account Registration</b>					
State/Local/Tribal Govt	100	1	100	15 mins	25
Foreign Government	1,000	1	1,000	15 mins	250
<b>Post Course Evaluation</b>					
State/Local/Tribal Govt	100	1	100	15 mins	25
Foreign Government	1,000	1	1,000	15 mins	250
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2,200</b>		<b>2,200</b>		<b>550</b>

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 7, 2021.

Signed:

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