NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[NOTICE: [21-049]]

Name of Information Collection: Generic Clearance for the NASA Office of STEM Engagement Performance Measurement and Evaluation (Testing)

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 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.

DATES: Comments are due by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review-Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Claire Little, NASA Clearance Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, JF0000, Washington, DC 20546, 202-358-2375 or email claire.a.little@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract: NASA's founding legislation, the Space Act of 1958, as amended, directs the agency to expand human knowledge of Earth and space phenomena and to preserve the role of the United States as a leader in aeronautics, space science, and technology. The NASA Office of STEM Engagement administers the agency's national education activities in support of the Space
Act, including the performance measurement and evaluation of educational projects and programs. This generic clearance will allow the NASA Office of STEM Engagement to continue to test and pilot with subject matter experts, secondary students, higher education students, educators, and interested parties new and existing information collection forms and assessment instruments for the purposes of improvement and establishing validity and reliability characteristics of the forms and instruments. Existing information collections include the NASA Intern Survey (Retrospective Survey), NASA Internship Applicants and Awardees Survey (Retrospective Survey), STEM Challenges Impact Surveys (Educator Feedback Retrospective Survey), STEM Challenges Impact Surveys (Parent Survey), and STEM Challenges Impact Surveys (Student Retrospective Survey). Forms and instruments to be tested include program application forms, customer satisfaction questionnaires, focus group protocols, and project activity survey instruments. Methodological testing will include focus group discussions, pilot surveys to test new individual question items as well as the complete form and instrument. In addition, test-retest and similar protocols will be used to determine reliability characteristics of the forms and instruments. Methodological testing will assure that forms and instruments accurately and consistently collect and measure what they are intended to measure and that data collection items are interpreted precisely and consistently, all towards the goal of accurate Agency reporting while improving the execution of NASA STEM Engagement activities.

**II. Methods of Collection:** Electronic, paper, and focus group interviews.

**III. Data**

**Title:** Generic Clearance for the NASA Office of Education Performance Measurement and Evaluation (Testing).

**OMB Number:** 2700-0159

**Type of review:** Renewal of an existing collection

**Affected Public:** Individuals and Households.

**Estimated Annual Number of Activities:** 8
Estimated Number of Respondents per Activity: 2,800

Annual Responses: 1

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,600

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $54,082

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: 1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; 2) the accuracy of NASA’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; 3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

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


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