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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

[OMB Control Number 3002-0003]

Information Collection Request Submitted to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administrative Conference of the United States will submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting approval for the following collection of information: 3002-0003, Substitute Confidential Employment and Financial Disclosure. This form is a substitute for Standard Form 450, issued by the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), which non-government members of the Conference would otherwise be required to file. OGE has approved the use of this substitute form. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 60404 (September 30, 2010), allowing for a 60-day comment period. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 22, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Administrative Conference of the United States, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to 202-395-5806, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and

Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Pritzker, Deputy General Counsel, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202-480-2080, *E-mail:* dpritzker@acus.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is charged with developing recommendations for the improvement of Federal administrative procedures (5 U.S.C. 591). Its recommendations are the product of a research process overseen by a small staff, but ultimately adopted by a membership of 101 experts, including approximately 45 non-government members—5 Council members and up to 40 others (5 U.S.C. 593(b) and 5 U.S.C. 595(b)). These individuals are deemed to be “special government employees” within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 202(a) and, therefore, are subject to confidential financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act (5 U.S.C. App. 107) and regulations of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE). The ACUS “Substitute Confidential Employment and Financial Disclosure” form submitted (“Substitute Disclosure Form”) is a substitute for OGE Standard Form 450, which ACUS non-government members would otherwise be required to file.

In addition to the non-government members of the Conference, the Chairman, with the approval of the Council established under 5 U.S.C. 595(b) and appointed by the President, may appoint additional persons in various categories, for participation in Conference activities, but without voting privileges. These categories include senior fellows, special counsels, and liaison representatives from other government entities or professional associations. The estimated maximum number of such individuals that may also be required to submit the Substitute Disclosure Form at any particular time is 45.

Prior to the termination of funding for ACUS in 1995, the agency was authorized to use for this purpose a simplified form that was a substitute for OGE Standard Form 450. The simplified substitute form was approved by OGE

following a determination by the ACUS Chairman, pursuant to 5 CFR 2634.905(a), that greater disclosure is not required because the limited nature of the agency’s authority makes very remote the possibility that a real or apparent conflict of interest will occur. ACUS received OMB approval for the simplified substitute form in 1994.

ACUS was re-established in 2010. On June 10, 2010, OGE renewed its approval for this simplified substitute form, which ACUS must provide to its non-government members in advance of membership meetings. ACUS received emergency approval from OMB under 5 CFR 1320.13 for use of this form through March 31, 2011, so that there would be no delay in commencing the committee and Conference activities of the non-government members necessary to the implementation of its statutory responsibilities to identify and recommend improvements of Federal administrative procedures. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 60404 (September 30, 2010), allowing for a 60-day comment period. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

As required by the Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 107(a); Executive Order 12674, section 201(d); and OGE regulations, 5 CFR 2634.901(d), copies of the substitute form submitted to ACUS by its members are confidential and may not be released to the public.

The proposed “Substitute Confidential Employment and Financial Disclosure” form and the Supporting Statement submitted to OMB may be viewed at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. To view these documents, select “Administrative Conference of the United States” under Current Inventory; click on the ICR Reference Number; then click on either “View Information Collection (IC) List” or “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents.”

The total annual burden on respondents is estimated to be 135 hours, based on estimates of 90 persons submitting the form an average of 6 times per year, requiring no more than 15 minutes per response.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this

information collection, including its necessity, utility and clarity for the proper performance of the Conference's functions.

Dated: January 14, 2011.

Shawne C. McGibbon,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).

Title: Minority Business Center Program: Communication and Outreach.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Emergency submission (new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 775 (25 interviews and 750 on-line surveys).

Average Hours per Response: Interview, 45 minutes; on-line survey, 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 207.

Needs and Uses: This emergency review request will give authorization to MBDA to conduct two surveys (telephone interviews and on-line) of its clients, stakeholders, and the public to ascertain their views, perceptions, and opinions of MBDA's logo, programs, and collateral materials. The collected information will be used to revise/update its collateral materials, outreach strategies and program services in a manner that effectively matches the interests and needs of its core constituency and outreach strategies.

On April 1, 2011, MBDA will announce the recipients of its most recent grant competition. The recipients of the MBDA grant will operate a minority business center and will provide direct service to minority business owners. Approval of this request will make it possible for MBDA to use the findings from the collected information to make decisions about the collateral materials used for informing clients, stakeholders and the public about MBDA's programs, as well as to assist in developing more effective outreach strategies and business programming for the centers' openings.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas Fraser, (202) 395-5887.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by January 25, 2011 to Nicholas Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5806 or via the Internet at Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: January 18, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number 0909100442-1012-03]

Effectiveness of Federal Agency Participation in Standardization in Select Technology Sectors for National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Standardization; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for information, extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology, on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Standards, announces the extension of the period for submission of comments responsive to the December 8, 2010 Request for Information on the effectiveness of Federal agencies' participation in the development and implementation of standards and conformity assessment activities and programs. The new comment period deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 7, 2011.

DATES: Comments are due by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments will be accepted by e-mail only. Comments should be sent to SOS_RFI@nist.gov with the

subject line "Standardization feedback for Sub-Committee on Standards." All comments received will be posted at: http://standards.gov/standards_gov/nstsubcommitteeonstandards.cfm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ajit Jillavenkatesa, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1060, 301-975-8519, ajit.jilla@nist.gov. Media inquiries may be directed to the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Office of Public and Business Affairs at inquiries@nist.gov or 301-975-NIST (6478).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 8, 2010, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), on behalf of the Sub-Committee on Standards under the National Science and Technology Council's Committee of Technology, published in the **Federal Register** a Request for Information with the objective of informing the development of case studies that will examine the effectiveness of Federal agencies' participation in standards-setting efforts led by the private sector (75 FR 76397) and to solicit public comment on this issue.

The original comment period was scheduled to end on February 7, 2011. As set forth in the Request for Information, the Sub-Committee on Standards is specifically interested in comments that address questions set out in the Request for Information, as they relate to the following technologies:

1. Smart Grid.
2. Health Information Technology.
3. Cyber Security.
4. Emergency Communications Interoperability.
5. Radioactivity Detectors and Radiation Monitors (ANSI N42.3x and N42.4x).
6. Other technologies involving significant Federal agency participation in standards setting.

NIST announces that the period for submission of comments responsive to the December 8, 2010 notice has been extended until 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 7, 2011 to allow the public additional time to submit input on the above subjects.

Dated: January 12, 2011.

Patrick Gallagher,

Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Co-Chair, National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Technology.

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