Interior, BOEM is authorized, pursuant to section 8(k)(2) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(k)(2)), to convey rights to OCS sand, gravel, and shell resources by negotiated noncompetitive agreement (NNA) for use in shore protection and beach and coastal restoration, or for use in construction projects funded in whole or part by, or authorized by, the Federal Government.

Background

Since 1994, 43 shore protection or beach and coastal restoration projects have been completed using OCS sand resources, conveying more than 77 million cubic yards of OCS material and restoring more than 232 miles of shoreline. Recently, the program has seen an increase in demand for OCS resources due to the decreasing availability of sand sources located in State waters and an increase in coastal storm intensity, duration, and frequency. In order for BOEM to continue to meet the needs of local, State, and regional entities, information regarding upcoming projects must be acquired to plan for future projects and anticipated workload. Therefore, BOEM will issue calls for information about needed resources and locations from interested parties to develop and maintain a project schedule. This ICR addresses the information needed from States, local governments, Federal agencies, environmental and other interest organizations, and all other interested parties to update and maintain a NNA project schedule. It includes the potential for an annual call for information and the potential for a call in response to an emergency declaration, such as a tropical storm. In order to meet the needs of the States under the current BOEM staff and funding resources, BOEM may request the relevant States to prioritize their own projects based on several criteria including likelihood of project funding and progress of environmental work. The information provided by States will also help BOEM determine appropriate future resource allocation, identify potential conflicts of use, conduct environmental analyses, develop NNAs, and meet all necessary environmental and legal requirements.

BOEM’s calls for information will request interested parties to submit a description of their proposed projects for which OCS sand, gravel, and shell resources will be used. The description must include the offshore borrow sites if known; the estimated date of construction; a short description of the current project funding; the name of a primary point of contact with that person’s mailing address, telephone number, and email address; as well as any additional information concerning the status of the project that would be useful to BOEM. This information may include detailed maps; geospatial data and coordinates of desired resources and sites that would be nourished; a description of the environmental impact documents that have been completed to date concerning any portion of the project; a cited reference list; status of geological and geophysical permit (if required); information concerning known or suspected archaeological or historic artifacts; interpretations of geology and extent of sand areas; known volumes of sand resource site; historical data related to the proposed borrow or placement area; and a description of the status of Federal, State, and/or local permits required for the project.

With this renewal, we are also including a provision for a call in response to emergency declarations, such as a tropical storm. Hurricane Sandy demonstrated BOEM’s need for accurate and timely information following a natural disaster declaration. Therefore, we are increasing the estimated hour burden for this collection.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2). No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Description of Respondents: Potential respondents primarily comprise States, local governments, and other interested parties.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: We are estimating that the annual reporting burden for this collection is about 200 hours, assuming an emergency declaration is made each year.

Individual Entity Compensation: 25 entities x 1 hour/entity x 2 responses/year = 50 hours; Individual State Compensation: 15 States x 5 hours/State x 2 responses/year = 150 hours (50 county hours + 150 State hours = 200 total burden hours).

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden: We have identified no non-hour paperwork cost burdens for this collection.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) requires each agency “. . . to provide notice . . . and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information . . .” Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the collection is necessary or useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on October 3, 2013, BOEM published a Federal Register notice (78 FR 61381) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. This notice provided the required 60-day comment period. We received no comments in response.

Public Availability of Comments: 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.

Dated: February 27, 2014.
Deanna Meyer-Pietruszka,
Chief, Office of Policy, Regulations, and Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Evaluating the Effectiveness of the 408(b)(2) Disclosure Requirements

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy/Chief Evaluation Office, Labor.

ACTION: Proposed collection; notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on
proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy/Chief Evaluation Office are soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) described below. A copy of the ICR may be obtained by contacting the office listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 12, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by either one of the following methods: Email: richie.celeste.j@dol.gov; Mail or Courier: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy/Chief Evaluation Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Instructions: Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received should reference the agency name and title of the proposed information collection. Commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Celeste Richie by telephone at 202–893–5076 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at richie.celeste.j@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice requests public comment on the Department's proposed collection of information titled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of the 408(b)(2) Disclosure Requirements.” As further described below, the collection of information is designed to explore current practices and effects of EBSA's rule that was issued in February 2012, known as the “408(b)(2) regulation,” which requires covered service providers ("CSPs") to pension plans to provide specific disclosures to specified fiduciaries ("RPFs") regarding the CSP’s compensation for the services. In addition, EBSA intends to gather information about the utility of a guide, summary, or similar tool to help plan fiduciaries identify and understand the disclosures. A summary of the ICR and current burden estimates follows:

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy/Chief Evaluation Office (OASP/CEO), Department of Labor.

Title: “Evaluating the Effectiveness of the 408(b)(2) Disclosure Requirements.”

Type of Review: New collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210–NEW.

Respondents: 70 to 100 Plan Sponsors and other Fiduciaries.

Total Burden Hours: Approximately 70 to 200 hours over one year.

Total Annual Other Burden Cost: $0.

Description: The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA) requires plan fiduciaries, when selecting and monitoring service providers and plan investments, to act prudently and solely in the interest of the plan’s participants and beneficiaries. Responsible plan fiduciaries also must ensure that arrangements with their service providers are “reasonable” and that only “reasonable” compensation is paid for services. Fundamental to the ability of fiduciaries to discharge these obligations is obtaining information sufficient to enable them to make informed decisions about an employee benefit plan’s services, the costs of such services, and the service providers.

In February 2012, EBSA issued the ERISA section 408(b)(2) final regulations, which require CSPs to ERISA-covered pension plans to provide specified information to assist RPFs in assessing the reasonableness of the compensation paid for services and the conflicts of interest that may affect a service provider’s performance of services. In the preamble to the final rule, EBSA encouraged CSPs to provide RPFs, especially those to small- and medium-size plans, with a guide, summary, or similar tool to assist RPFs in identifying all of the disclosures required under the final rule, particularly when service arrangements and related compensation are complex and information is disclosed in multiple documents. EBSA did not adopt such a guide requirement as part of the final rule but included a sample guide as an appendix to the final rule that can be used on a voluntary basis by CSPs as a model for such a guide. In the preamble to the final rule, EBSA stated that it intends to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the near future under which CSPs may be required to furnish a guide or similar tool to assist RPFs’ reviews of the disclosures. EBSA is publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking that would require CSPs to provide RPFs with a guide elsewhere in today’s issue of the Federal Register.

In connection with the issuance of the notice of proposed rulemaking, EBSA and the CEO intend to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of data for the project titled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of the 408(b)(2) Disclosure Requirements.” The project is designed to explore current practices and effects of EBSA’s final regulation and to gather information about the need for a guide, summary, or similar tool to help RPFs navigate and understand the disclosures.

EBSA and CEO intend to conduct approximately eight to ten focus group sessions with approximately 70 to 100 RPFs to small pension plans (those with less than 100 participants). They will be asked to provide information including the following: (1) Their role with respect to their plan; (2) the number of service providers hired by the plan; (3) whether they are aware of and understand the disclosures mandated by the 408(b)(2) final regulation; (4) their experience with receiving the disclosures; (5) whether they were able to find information regarding the services that would be provided and the costs of those services; (6) whether their review of the disclosures impacted their decision-making with regard to hiring, monitoring, or retaining service providers or changing plan investment options; (7) whether their CSPs provide a guide or similar organizational tool to help find specific information within the disclosures; and (8) whether a guide to the required disclosures would be beneficial to them, and if so, how much they would be willing to pay to receive a guide.

EBSA intends to use information collected from the focus groups to: (1) Assess responsible plan fiduciaries' experience in receiving the 408(b)(2) regulation’s required disclosures; (2) assess the effectiveness of these disclosures in helping plan fiduciaries make decisions; (3) determine how well plan fiduciaries understood the disclosures, especially in the small plan marketplace (less than 100 participants); and (4) evaluate whether, and how, a guide, summary, or similar tool would help fiduciaries understand the disclosures.

Focus of Comments

The Department is particularly interested in comments that: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed
collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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., by permitting electronic submissions of responses).

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

James H. Moore, Jr.,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Labor.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
[Notice (14–026)]

NASA Applied Sciences Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Applied Sciences Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Thursday, April 17, 2014, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Meister, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–1557, fax (202) 358–4118, or peter.g.meister@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public telephonically and by WebEx. Any interested person may call the USA toll free conference call number 1–866–762–9048, passcode 476274, to participate in this meeting by telephone. The WebEx link is https://nasa.webex.com/, meeting number 998 758 283, password @April17. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

—Applied Sciences Program Update,
—Applied Science Budget Briefing,
—Missions and Applications.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Patricia D. Rausch,
Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Council on the Arts 181st Meeting

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506. This meeting also will be webcast. Agenda times are approximate.

DATES: March 28, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Room M–09.


Dated: March 7, 2014.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,
Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (# 1171)

Date/Time: April 3, 2014; 9:00 a.m. to 5:05 p.m., April 4, 2014; 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford I, Room 110, Arlington, VA 22230

Type of Meeting: OPEN

Contact Person: Ms. Lisa Jones, Office of the Assistant Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 905, Arlington, Virginia 22230, 703–292–8700

Summary of Minutes: May be obtained from contact person listed above.


If, in the course of the open session discussion, it becomes necessary for the Council to discuss non-public commercial or financial information of intrinsic value, the Council will go into closed session pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and in accordance with the February 15, 2012 determination of the Chairman. Additionally, discussion concerning purely personal information about individuals, such as personal biographical and salary data or medical information, may be conducted by the Council in closed session in accordance with subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Any interested persons may attend, as observers, Council discussions and reviews that are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of Accessibility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682–5733, Voice/T.T.Y. 202/682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2014.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,
Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations.