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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

United States Geological Survey—Annual National Earthquake Hazards Reduction
Program Announcement.

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey

ACTION: Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection Submitted
to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction
Act.

SUMMARY: The proposal to extend the collection of information described below will
be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions
of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed
collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's
clearance officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve
or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore public
comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure maximum
consideration. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made directly to the
Desk Officer for the Interior Department, OMB-OIRA, via email to
OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or via facsimile to (202) 395-6566, and to the Bureau
clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley
Drive., Reston, Virginia, 20192.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

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OMB approval number: 1028-0051

Abstract: Respondents submit proposals to support research in earthquake hazard assessments and earthquake occurrence. This information will be used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the program objectives. Final reports of research findings are required on each selected performances.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: Annual proposals, final reports.

Description of respondents: Educational institutions, profit and non-profit organizations, individuals, and agencies of local or State governments.

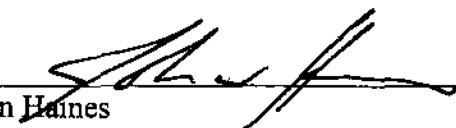
Annual responses: 300.

Annual burden hours: 12,000 hours.

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