

**Generic Solicitation for Grant Applications
Control Number 1225-0086
Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants Justification**

Abstract:

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Mine Safety and Health Administration(MSHA), is making \$1,000,000 available in grant funds for educational and training programs to help identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe working conditions in and around mines. The focus of these grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 will be on training and training materials for mine emergency preparedness and mine emergency prevention for all underground mines. Applicants for the grants may be States and nonprofit (private or public) entities. The MSHA could award as many as 20 separate grants. The amount of each individual grant will be at least \$50,000.00.

Electronic availability:

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov Web site. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 60 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

Small Entities:

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assurances of confidentiality:

These grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

Special circumstances:

This information collection complies with 5 CFR 1320.5

Burden:

Based on the past number of applications received under this program, the DOL would normally expect to receive approximately 15 applications. Due to the increased funding, the DOL estimates it will receive 25 applications. Public reporting burden for each grant application is estimated to average 20 hours per response for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Each recipient who receives a grant award notice will be required to submit nine progress reports to MSHA. Each report will take approximately five hours to prepare.

25 applications x 20 hours = 500 hours. (25 responses 500 burden hours).

20 awards x 9 reports x 5 hours = 900 hours (180 responses 900 burden hours).

The DOL has increased the May 2011 average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$27.66 by 40 percent (total \$38.72) to monetize this burden. *See The Employment Situation—July 2011*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empst_08052011.pdf at 32.

1400 hours x \$38.72 = \$54,208.

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection.

Total burden: 25 respondents (unduplicated), 205 responses, 1400 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

Supporting Statement B; Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.