

the agreement and proposed order or to modify in any way their terms.

By direction of the Commission.

**Richard C. Donohue**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Maryam Daneshvar, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74,

Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Emergency Epidemic Investigations—Extension—(0920-0008), Office of Workforce and Career Development (OWCD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background & Brief Description*

The purpose of the Emergency Epidemic Investigation surveillance is to collect data on the conditions surrounding and preceding the onset of a problem. The data must be collected in a timely fashion so that information can be used to develop prevention and control techniques, to interrupt disease

transmission, and to help identify the cause of an outbreak. The EPI-AID mechanism is a means for Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officers of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), along with other CDC staff, to provide technical support to State health agencies requesting assistance with epidemiologic field investigations. This mechanism allows CDC to respond rapidly to public health problems in need of urgent attention, thereby providing an important service to State and other public health agencies. Through EPI-AIDS, EIS officers (and, sometimes, other CDC trainees) receive supervised training while actively participating in epidemiologic investigations. EIS is a two-year program of training and service in applied epidemiology through CDC, primarily for persons holding doctoral degrees.

Shortly after completion of the EPI-AID investigation, an Epi Trip Report is delivered to the State health agency official(s) who requested assistance. These officials can comment on both the timeliness and the practical utility of the recommendations from the investigation by completing a brief questionnaire to assess the promptness of the investigation and the usefulness of the recommendations. There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Respondents	Number of respondents (per year)	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Requestors of EPI-AIDs .....	100	1	15/60	25

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

**AHRQ Intent To Publish Grant and Contract Solicitations for Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Projects With Funds From the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** AHRQ is announcing the Agency's intention to support new CER projects, with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA appropriated

\$300 million to AHRQ for support of CER. ARRA funding will focus, initially, on 14 priority conditions established by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under Section 1013 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. These priority conditions were identified through a process involving discussion with, and extensive input from, the public as well as Federal agencies. The list of priority conditions is relevant to the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) programs, and can be found at: <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/aboutUs.cfm?abouttype=program#Conditions>.

**DATES:** AHRQ anticipates grant and contract solicitations to be published