

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2009-0001]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, 1660-NEW; FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; 60-day notice and request for comments; new information collection; OMB No. 1660-NEW; No forms.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed new information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this Notice seeks comments concerning the information collection activities required to administer the FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 19, 2010.

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket ID FEMA-2009-0001. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to Office of Chief Counsel, Regulation and Policy Team, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 835, Wash, DC 20472-3100.

(3) *Facsimile.* Submit comments to (703) 483-2999.

(4) *E-mail.* Submit comments to FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov. Include docket ID FEMA-2009-0001 in the subject line.

All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available on the Privacy and Use Notice link on the Administration Navigation Bar of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Alex Mrazik, Program Analyst, Grant Programs Directorate, 202-786-9732 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or email address: FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Emergency Management Performance Grants Program (EMPG) helps facilitate a national and regional all-hazards approach to emergency response, including the development of a comprehensive program of planning, training, and exercises that provides a foundation for effective and consistent response to any threatened or actual

disaster or emergency, regardless of the cause. Section 662 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 762), as amended by section 201, Title II of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-053), empowers the FEMA Administrator to continue implementation of an emergency management performance grants program to make grants to States to assist State, local, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards.

Collection of Information

Title: FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG).

Type of Information Collection: New information collection.

OMB Number: 1660-NEW.

Form Titles and Numbers: No forms.

Abstract: The Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) assists State and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities. The EMPG Work Plan narrative must demonstrate how proposed projects address gaps, deficiencies, and capabilities in current programs and the ability to provide enhancements consistent with the purpose of the program and guidance provided by FEMA. FEMA uses the information to provide details, timelines, and milestones on proposed projects.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 174 hours.

TABLE A.12—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS AND COSTS

Type of respondent	Form name/form number	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Avg. Burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden (in hours)	Avg. hourly wage rate*	Total annual respondent cost
State, Local or Tribal Government.	EMPG Work Plan	58	1	3	174	\$32.20	\$5,603
Total	58			174		\$5,603

Estimated Cost: There is no annual reporting or recordkeeping costs associated with this collection.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including

whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, 1660-NEW; FEMA Preparedness Grants: Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP)

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; 60-day notice and
request for comments; new information
collection; OMB No. 1660-NEW; FEMA
Form 089-23, Buffer Zone Plan; FEMA
Form 089-23A, Vulnerability Reduction
Purchasing Plan.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency
Management Agency, as part of its
continuing effort to reduce paperwork
and respondent burden, invites the
general public and other Federal
agencies to take this opportunity to
comment on a proposed new
information collection. In accordance
with the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995, this Notice seeks comments
concerning the information collection
process for the Buffer Zone Protection
Program grant.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on
or before January 19, 2010.

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address: [FEMA-Information-
Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Buffer
Zone Protection Program (BZPP) is an
important part of the Administration's
larger, coordinated effort— known as
the Federal Investment Strategy— to
strengthen homeland security
preparedness, including the security of
America's Critical Infrastructure and
Key Resources (CIKR), including
chemical facilities, financial
institutions, nuclear and electric power
plants, dams, stadiums, and other high-
risk/high-consequence facilities. The
Consolidated Security, Disaster
Assistance, and Continuing
Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 110-
329) established the BZPP to help
strengthen the Nation's critical

infrastructure against risks associated
with potential terrorist attacks.

Collection of Information

Title: FEMA Preparedness Grants:
Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP).
Type of Information Collection: New
information collection.

OMB Number: 1660-NEW.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA
Form 089-23, Buffer Zone Plan; FEMA
Form 089-23A, Vulnerability Reduction
Purchasing Plan.

Abstract: The information collection
activity is the collection of financial and
programmatic information from States
and local governments pertaining to
grant and cooperative agreement awards
that include application, program
narrative statement, grant award,
performance information, outlay
reports, property management, and
closeout information. The information
enables FEMA to evaluate applications
and make award decisions, monitor
ongoing performance and manage the
flow of federal funds, and to
appropriately close out grants or
cooperative agreements. The Buffer
Zone Plan is a narrative plan that
includes an assessment of possible
infrastructure security risks and
documents the degree to which security
processes and procedures are in place,
including planning to enhance and/or
improve site security and the actions
jurisdictions undertake in their BZP to
protect against or prevent terrorist
attacks at critical infrastructure and key
resources (CIKR). The Vulnerability
Reduction Purchasing Plan is a plan
applicants prepare that corresponds to
the Buffer Zone Plan and lists
procurement items including
equipment, information technology, and
other resources such as training, that are
needed to improve or enhance a
jurisdiction's preventive or protective
posture around critical infrastructure
and key resources (CIKR) sites identified
in the BZP.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal
Government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:* 4,000 Hours.