***SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION COLLECTION***

***UNDER GENERIC CLEARANCES***

***DATE OF REQUEST:*** 12/9/2011

***SUB AGENCY (I/C):*** OER/IMOD

***TITLE:*** NIH EXTERNAL CONSTITUENCY SURVEYS

***GENERIC CLEARANCE UNDER OMB#*** 0925-0627 ***EXP. DATE:*** 2/28/2014

# ***ABSTRACT:***

In June 2007 the NIH Director established working groups to examine peer review at NIH as part of a broad [Enhancing Peer Review initiative](http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/). The Enhancing Peer Review implementation plan was developed to accomplish three priority goals: 1) engage the best reviewers, 2) improve the quality and transparency of review and 3) ensure balanced and fair reviews across different scientific fields and career stages.  As implementation proceeds, a process of assessment and continuous improvement was also established. Peer review process changes were first implemented in January 2009 and assessed in January –May 2010. Changes to shorten the NIH grant application were effective in January 2010. The NIH is committed to a quality control and improvement process for peer review. It is crucial to get ongoing information about satisfaction from NIH’s constituents to inform the Enhancing Peer Review initiative.

***TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN APPROVED:*** 74,010

***BURDEN USED TO DATE:*** 75

***BURDEN THIS REQUEST:*** 2,292.5

***IS RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA COLLECTED AS REQUIRED?***

\_\_X\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_\_NO\_\_ \_N/A

***OBLIGATION TO RESPOND:***

 \_\_X\_\_ VOLUNTARY

\_\_\_\_\_\_ REQUIRED TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN BENEFITS

\_\_\_\_\_\_ MANDATORY

***HOW WILL THIS SURVEY BE OFFERED?***

\_X\_ WEB SITE

\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

\_\_X\_\_ MAIL RESPONSE

\_\_\_\_\_ IN PERSON INTERVIEW

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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