

Justification for Change

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The Department of Defense requests to revise the burden estimate for the Utility of Test Preparation Guides and Education Programs in Enhancing Recruit Candidate Performance on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) collection. This change in burden will increase the total annual responses and decrease the time to respond. This change will increase the costs to both the respondents and the Department.

This change in burden is requested because enlistment rates have increased dramatically due to the nationwide economic downturn. The rate at which the ASVAB is being administered has increased about 50% over the 2007 counts that were used to plan the study.

In addition, the Department requests to expand the study to all states and for an additional twelve months. Originally, the study was planned for five states and a twelve month period.

The changes in burden are as follows:

Currently Approved

Respondents (frequency 1 time)

Total annual respondents: 123,250
Frequency of Response: 1
Total annual responses: 123,250
Burden per response: 14 minutes
Total burden hours: 28,758 hours

Respondents (frequency 2 times)

Total annual respondents: 21,750
Frequency of Response: 2
Total annual responses: 43,500
Burden per response: 14 minutes
Total burden hours: 10,150 hours

Respondents (Annual Average)

Total annual respondents: 166,750
Burden per response: 14 minutes
Total burden hours: 38,908 hours

COSTS:

Respondents

The labor cost for all responses is estimated to be 166,750 times
\$4.02 = \$670,335

Government

Total cost to the Federal Government will be approximately \$729,350

Requested

Respondents (frequency 1 time)

Total annual respondents: 291,600
Frequency of Response: 1
Total annual responses: 291,600
Burden per response: 8 minutes
Total burden hours: 38,880

Respondents (frequency 2 times)

Total annual respondents: 97,200
Frequency of Response: 2
Total annual responses: 194,400
Burden per response: 8 minutes
Total burden hours: 25,920

Respondents (Annual Average)

Total annual respondents: 486,000
Burden per response: 8 minutes
Total burden hours: 64,800

Respondents

The labor cost for all responses is estimated to be 486,000 times
\$4.02 = \$1,953,720

Government

Total cost to the Federal Government will be approximately \$894,350

All other information for the collection remains the same.