

Supporting Statement (3145-NEW)

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST):

State Coordinators Questionnaire

Forms Clearance Package

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SECTION A

INTRODUCTION

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency that supports research at the frontiers of knowledge, across all fields of science and engineering (S&E) and S&E education. The NSF is the designated federal agency for administration of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. (Please see <http://www.paemst.org> for more information on the program.). The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is a White House program established by Congress in 1983 authorizing the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year to teachers of mathematics and science at the elementary and secondary levels.

This request seeks OMB approval to collect information from individuals who act as State Coordinators for the PAEMST Program. State Coordinators administer their state's efforts in coordinating outreach for state nominations, in addition to mentoring and assisting teachers in the application process for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

A. JUSTIFICATION

A.1 CIRCUMSTANCE REQUIRING THE COLLECTION OF DATA

The PAEMST program is responsible for the efficient and effective operation of the program including recruiting and nominating qualified candidates for the PAEMST recognition and award. The program depends on State Coordinators to identify and nominate qualified applicants as well as mentoring and assisting teachers in the application process for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This questionnaire will identify the activities that State Coordinators undertake in that effort and provide a repository of those efforts and their results.

A.2. PURPOSES AND USES OF THE DATA

The questionnaire will be executed electronically, within the current PAEMST website used to accept, review and make awards. The questions will be related to State Coordinator duties and will be in the following areas: **Program** (Mathematics, Science and/or Computer Science), **Recruitment, Mentoring, State Selection Committee, and the State Selection Process**. Based on the percentage of response to each question, NSF would be able to better monitor the activities of the State Coordinators' and support the efforts of the State Coordinators' in meeting their responsibilities for the PAEMST program.

A.3. USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

All aspects of this questionnaire will be completed electronically.

A.4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

NSF staff associated with the PAEMST program in the agency's Directorate for Education and Human Resources have been involved in the planning of this questionnaire. This questionnaire does not duplicate any current reporting or monitoring efforts.

A.5 SMALL BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

A.6 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT COLLECTING THE INFORMATION

This information will be crucial to understanding the process of identification, recruitment, and mentoring of applicants to the PAEMST program, the plans and activities of State Coordinators in each activity and a sharing of successful plans and strategies. Without this information the program will be unable to assess the full range of coordinator activities nor provide assistance in helping formulate effective recruitment and mentoring strategies.

A.7 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR COLLECTION

Not applicable

A.8 CONSULTATION OUTSIDE THE AGENCY

The notice inviting comments on the PAEMST State Coordinator Collection (OMB 3145-NEW) was published in the Federal Register April 30, 2015, 80 FR 24288. No comments were received. A copy of the notice can be found at the end of this document.

A.9 GIFTS OR REMUNERATION

To date no payments or gifts have been provided to respondents. There are no plans to provide incentives to respondents.

A.10 CONFIDENTIALITY PROVIDED TO RESPONDENTS

Respondents will be provided with clear notification that their responses to the questionnaire are voluntary, and will in no way affect their NSF support. PAEMST State Coordinators will also be informed that their responses to the questionnaire may be made public on the NSF and PAEMST web-sites, and will only be associated with their identities if so authorized by the coordinators. The website will carry a disclaimer explaining that the responses are the opinions of the PAEMST State Coordinators and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the National Science Foundation. The responses will not be used for any purpose other than those described in this summary.

A.11 QUESTIONS OF A SENSITIVE NATURE

No questions of a sensitive nature will be asked.

A.12 ESTIMATES OF RESPONSE BURDEN

A.12.1. Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Annual Hour Burden

There are approximately 120 PAEMST State Coordinators who will receive the questionnaire annually. The estimate of the total burden is 960 hours including compiling and entering data and completing the open-ended questions.

A.12.2. Hour Burden Estimates by Each Form and Aggregate Hour Burdens

A.12.3 ANNUALIZED COST TO RESPONDENTS

The overall annualized cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$40,320. The following table shows the annualized estimate of costs to program coordinator respondents, based on average salary for state employees at the mid-level.

Respondent Type	No. of Respondents	Burden Hours Per Respondent	Average Hourly Rate	Estimated Annual Cost
Program Coordinators	120	8	\$42	\$40,320
Total	120			\$40,320

A.13 CAPITAL/STARTUP COST

Time to prepare questionnaire form is estimated to be two hours given the attached draft.

Because the questionnaire will be done using off the shelf questionnaire application the level of effort is minimal. The estimated start-up is \$300.

A.14 ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The annual cost of administering the once a year questionnaire and reporting results includes:

- 8 hours for State Coordinators outreach, tracking of questionnaire responses and completion; outreach to State Coordinators that have not completed between June 15th (after completion of State Selection) and due date of the questionnaire on August 15th
- Data Analysis and Preparation of summary report – 32 hours, review of summary report with NSF.

Total Hours – 40 hours Total Cost per Year: \$4,991

A.15 CHANGES IN BURDEN

This is a new collection; there are no changes in burden.

A.16. PLANS FOR PUBLICATION, ANALYSIS, AND SCHEDULE

Responses to the annual questionnaire will be summarized and used for program management improvement. The responses will be shared with State Coordinators to improve communication and to share effective strategies and plans.

A.17. APPROVAL TO NOT DISPLAY EXPIRATION DATE

Not applicable

A.18 EXCEPTIONS TO ITEM 19 OF OMB FORM 83-I

No exceptions apply.