

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Generic Clearance for Usability Data Collections

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NIST is requesting an increase in the number of respondents and burden hours for this Generic Usability Data Collection. This Generic Clearance is primarily used by NIST's Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) to conduct research and survey the usability of technology related to IT Security and Public Safety Communications.

The ITL has the need to conduct an information collection that involves a nation-wide collection with public safety first responders, such as fire fighters (FF), emergency medical services (EMS), law enforcement (LE) and 9-1-1 dispatch (COMM). In order to obtain a 99% Confidence Interval (CI), the laboratory will need to reach out to a large number of respondents. The need for this widespread information collection was not anticipated and not planned at the time of the original submission of this generic collection.

In order to meet our customer needs and to be in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), NIST is respectfully requesting an increase to the current ICR Annual Response allotment from 8,500 to 23,500 and the ICR Annual Hours allotment from 5,000 to 11,000. This will be the administration of a new proposed information collection request for submission under this Generic Clearance. NIST will complete the collection prior to the generic clearance's current expiration date of 12/31/2018.

NIST assures that no changes will be made to any of the individual information collection requests that have been approved for use under this OMB Control number. NIST is in the process of renewing the Generic Clearance for an additional 3 years. NIST will be requesting an increase in our current burdens to cover future collections under the upcoming renewal submission.