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**Robert L. King,**

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Proposed Information Collection—2020 Election Administration and Voting Survey; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act* of 1995, the EAC announces an information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. The EAC intends to submit this proposed information collection (2020 Election Administration and Voting Survey, or EAVS) to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for approval. The 2020 EAVS asks election officials questions concerning voting and election administration, including the following topics: Voter registration; overseas and military voting; voting by mail; early in-person voting; polling operations; provisional voting; voter participation; election technology; election policy; and other related issues.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 12, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed information collection should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID: EAC-2019-0001). Written comments on the proposed information collection can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910, *Attn:* EAVS.

*Obtaining a Copy of the Survey:* To obtain a free copy of the draft survey instrument: (1) Download a copy at <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID: EAC-2019-0001); or (2) write to the EAC (including your address and phone number) at U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910, *Attn:* EAVS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Nichelle Williams at 301-563-3919, or email [clearinghouse@eac.gov](mailto:clearinghouse@eac.gov); U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335

East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Comments:* Public comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and OMB Number:* 2020 Election Administration and Voting Survey; OMB Number Pending.

#### Needs and Uses

The EAC issues the EAVS to meet its obligations under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to serve as national clearinghouse and resource for the compilation of information with respect to the administration of Federal elections; to fulfill both the EAC and the Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) data collection requirements under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA); and meet its National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) mandate to collect information from states concerning the impact of that statute on the administration of Federal elections. In addition, under the NVRA, the EAC is responsible for collecting information and reporting, biennially, to Congress on the impact of that statute. The information the states are required to submit to the EAC for purposes of the NVRA report are found under Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations. States that respond to questions in this survey concerning voter registration-related matters will meet their NVRA reporting requirements under 52 U.S.C. 20508 and EAC regulations. Finally, UOCAVA mandates that FVAP work with the EAC and chief state election officials to develop standards for reporting UOCAVA voting information (52 U.S.C. 20302) and that FVAP will store the reported data and present the findings within the congressionally-mandated report to the President and Congress. Additionally, UOCAVA requires that "not later than 90 days after the date of each regularly scheduled general election for Federal office, each state and unit of local government which administered the election shall (through the state, in the case of a unit of local

government) submit a report to the EAC on the combined number of absentee ballots transmitted to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for the election and the combined number of such ballots which were returned by such voters and cast in the election, and shall make such a report available to the general public." States that complete and timely submit the UOCAVA section of the survey to the EAC will fulfill their UOCAVA reporting requirement under 52 U.S.C. 20302. In order to fulfill the above requirements, the EAC is seeking information relating to the period from the Federal general election day 2018 +1 through the November 2020 Federal general election. The EAC will provide the data regarding UOCAVA voting to FVAP after data collection is completed. This data sharing reduces burden on local election offices because FVAP does not have to conduct its own data collection to meet its reporting requirements.

*Affected Public (Respondents):* State or local governments, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

*Number of Respondents:* 56.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 101 hours per collection, 50.5 hours annualized.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,656 hours per collection, 2,828 hours annualized.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

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**Nichelle Williams,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection for the State Energy Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years a currently approved collection of information with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The information collection request, State Energy Program, was previously approved on June 30, 2017

under OMB Control No. 1910–5126 and its current expiration date is June 30, 2020.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before March 12, 2020. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202–395–4650. comments should be sent to the

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 and to

Gregory Davoren, EE–5W, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, Email: [Gregory.Davoren@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Gregory.Davoren@ee.doe.gov)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Amy Royden-Bloom, EE–5W, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585 or by email at [Amy.Royden-Bloom@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Amy.Royden-Bloom@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.*: 1910–5126; (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: “State Energy Program (SEP)”; (3) *Type of Review*: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; (4) *Purpose*: To collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 56; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*:

224; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 7,456; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$315,232.

**Statutory Authority:** Title 42, Chapter 81, Subchapter III, Part A of the United States Code (U.S.C.), (42 U.S.C. 6867(a)).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Proposed Agency Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; 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; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before April 10, 2020. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to [STEM\\_Data\\_Collection@ee.doe.gov](mailto:STEM_Data_Collection@ee.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be

directed to Emily Stanton at (202) 287–5641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* “New”; (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: STEM Data Collection (SDC); (3) *Type of Request*: New; (4) *Purpose*: This new module will be installed on existing platforms—the Funding Opportunity Exchange platform (Exchange) and *NEUP.gov*. These systems allow principal investigators and other external users to submit applications for competitive Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) for research projects in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Exchange is used by the following DOE program offices: The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) and the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E); *NEUP.gov* is used by the Office of Nuclear Energy (NE). NE may also use manual data collections on other selected FOAs. All competitive FOAs get announced to the *Grants.gov* website, the U.S. Government’s single access point for most financial assistance programs offered by DOE. Under the proposed information collection request, an interface will be implemented in these systems to allow external users to voluntarily provide a minimal amount of demographic information to comply with a recommendation from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report “WOMEN IN STEM RESEARCH; Better Data and Information Sharing Could Improve Oversight of Federal Grant-making and Title IX Compliance” (GAO–16–14, December 2015). In this report, GAO made the recommendation that DOE collect additional demographic data to ensure that it is in compliance with Title IX. The information collected will be used for this purpose; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: According to the most recent data available, in fiscal year 2015, EERE reviewed a total of 5,168 new funding actions or applications (898 lab funding actions; 4,270 financial assistance concept papers or applications); ARPA-E reviewed a total of 3,435 new funding actions or applications (51 lab funding actions; 3834 financial assistance concept papers or applications); and NE reviewed a total of 438 new funding actions or applications (266 lab funding actions; 172 financial assistance concept papers or applications). While many applications are submitted by existing users, assuming one submitter per application, the maximum number of unique new users expected per year is