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TO: Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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SUBJECT: Non-substantial change request to Office of Minority Health Research
Coordination (OMHRC) Research Training and Mentor Programs
Applications (NIDDK), OMB# 0925-0748, Expiration Date: 08/31/2023

This is a request for OMB to approve a non-substantial modification of one instrument within the Office of Minority Health Research Coordination (OMHRC) Research Training and Mentor Programs Applications (NIDDK). The modification is for Attachment 7: Network of Minority Health Research Investigators (NMRI) Survey Form, we would like to change the response options in Question 10. The current version of the instrument allows free response in both parts of the question. In our requested modification, we want to add multiple answer choices (select all that apply).

Multiple answer choices (select all that apply) as a response option will:

1. Allow for easier memory recall of grant applications (if any) for respondents,
2. Provide clarity to the question and encourage relevant responses, and
3. Improve response rates on these two questions.

By adding multiple answer choice (select all that apply) instead of only free response, OMHRC researchers can collect data in a more systematic and categorical manner. This will allow NMRI survey response analysis to be more informative in evaluating program enhancement opportunities and effectiveness of OMHRC program delivery.

Your consideration is much appreciated.

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