

**INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST
for
GREEN POWER PARTNERSHIP AND COMBINED
HEAT AND POWER PARTNERSHIP**

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT A

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION COLLECTION

1(a) Title and Number of the Information Collection Request

Reporting Requirements under EPA's Green Power Partnership (GPP) and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Partnership (Renewal) EPA ICR No. 2173.08, OMB Control No. 2060-0578.

1(b) Short Characterization/Abstract

In 2002, EPA's Energy Supply and Industry Branch (ESIB) launched two partnership programs with industry and other stakeholders: the Green Power Partnership (GPP) and the Combined Heat and Power Partnership (CHPP). These voluntary partnership programs, along with others in ESIB, encourage organizations to invest in clean, efficient energy technologies, including renewable energy and combined heat and power. To continue to be successful, it is critical that EPA collect information from these program stakeholders to ensure these organizations are meeting their clean energy goals and to assure the credibility of these voluntary non-regulatory programs.

EPA has developed this ICR to obtain authorization to collect information from organizations participating in the GPP, CHPP, and other ESIB programs. Organizations that join these programs voluntarily agree to the following respective actions: (1) designating a GPP or CHPP liaison and filling out a Partnership Agreement; and for the GPP, (2) reporting to EPA, on an annual basis, their progress toward their green power commitment via a 2-page reporting form. In addition to these actions, organizations may voluntarily apply for recognition to the programs' established annual recognition events, which require submitting additional information. EPA uses the data obtained from its Partners to assess the success of these programs in achieving their national energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals. Partners are organizational entities that have volunteered to participate in either Partnership program.

2. NEED FOR AND USE OF THIS COLLECTION

2(a) Need/Authority for the Collection

EPA needs to collect the information in the Partnership Agreements to formally establish participation in the GPP or CHPP program and to obtain general information about new Partners.

Additional information collected through information forms is needed to allow EPA to track Partner progress toward meeting their GPP commitments, to enable GPP to facilitate and provide assistance to encourage green power use, to assess whether actions are worthy of recognition, and to determine progress in meeting GPP's national energy and GHG reduction goals. This information collection will assist ESIB programs, such as helping the GPP increase demand for green power use, thereby reducing GHG emissions and helping the CHPP increase the use of more efficient power generation and reduce GHG emissions.

Participation in the ESIB's programs is voluntary. Program participants agree to provide EPA with the requested information.

2(b) Practical Utility/Users of the Data

EPA uses the information submitted in the Partnership Agreements to update its databases of GPP or CHPP Partners. The databases serve as a source of general information and a contact list. EPA uses the information submitted in additional forms to monitor the progress of current participation and projects and identify new opportunities. EPA also uses the data submitted by GPP Partners to prepare reports on GPP progress as well as to determine the GHG reductions achieved by the program. EPA uses case studies of successful CHP projects to demonstrate to existing and potential Partners the cost savings and environmental benefits associated with more efficient energy production through CHP projects. General information on the Partners, green power, and CHP is also provided on the respective Web sites, making it available to other Partners as well as the public.

3. NONDUPLICATION, CONSULTATIONS, AND OTHER COLLECTION CRITERIA

3(a) Nonduplication

For new Partners, the information to be collected has not previously been collected by EPA or any other Federal Agency. Existing GPP Partners provide updates to existing information through a Partner Yearly Report. Some CHPP Partners have no annual reporting requirements.

For existing GPP Partners, some of the information required is available in the existing databases from previous submittals. To avoid requesting information that has already been collected, forms sent to existing Partners are pre-populated with previously submitted information from the database. Recipients of the forms are asked to review the information provided. Only if the information is incorrect or out of date will the recipients be required to provide updated or additional information.

3(b) Public Notice Required Prior to ICR Submission to OMB

On September 23, 2021 (86 FR 52897), EPA issued a Federal Register notice soliciting public comments on the ICR through an announcement in the Federal Register contained in docket number EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0501. EPA received no comments during the 2 months the docket was open.

3(c) Consultations

EPA consulted with nine Green Power Partnership partners and three CHP Partnership partners regarding the burden of information collection for the programs during the previous ICR submission in 2004, 2008, 2011, 2014, and 2018. There have been updates to partnership forms since the last submission resulting in a decrease in the estimated burden per partner.

In 2021, EPA consulted with nine GPP Partners and three CHPP Partners regarding the burden of this information collection. The contacted Partners were provided copies of the information collection forms, estimates of the labor burden derived from Partners responses in 2021, and labor wage rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). EPA requested comments on whether the labor burden estimates and labor rates were appropriate. Generally, the estimates provided by the Partners were similar and were consistent with the estimates provided by EPA. EPA averaged Partner responses for the labor burden estimates and labor rates for use in this ICR renewal.

3(d) Effects of Less Frequent Collection

The Partnership Agreements are submitted once by organizations that choose to become Partners of the GPP or CHPP. To allow EPA to remain current on Partner participation and determine if green power purchase commitments are being met, GPP Partners will be asked to update an annual report. CHPP Partners have no annual reporting requirements. Partners of both programs may also update company and contact information periodically via the respective partnership Web sites. EPA believes that any reduction in the frequency of this information collection would impede efforts by EPA to evaluate results of the programs, facilitate green power purchases and CHP project implementation, and respond in a timely manner to needs of the Partners.

3(e) General Guidelines

This information collection request was prepared in compliance with OMB's and EPA's guidelines for ICR preparation.

3(f) Confidentiality

Participation in the GPP and CHPP is voluntary. Participants are not asked to reveal Confidential Business Information (CBI). Additionally, participants will be given specific instructions not to provide any information that they consider confidential.

3(g) Sensitive Questions

No questions of a sensitive nature are asked in any of the forms or periodic information updates.

4. THE RESPONDENTS AND THE INFORMATION REQUESTED

4(a) Respondent NAICS/SIC Codes

This information collection will encompass a wide variety of respondents with most respondents specific to either the GPP or CHPP.

(i) GPP Respondent NAICS/SIC codes

The GPP Partners consist of company, institutional, and public sector organizations that pledge to purchase a proportion of their annual purchased electricity use from eligible renewable energy resources through one of three purchasing options. Companies include both service and goods providing industries, institutions are comprised of institutes of higher education and NGOs, and public sector Partners are local, state, or federal level government agencies.

NAICS	SIC	Description
Full-scale Partners ^a		
611310	8221	Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools
722110	5812 5461	Restaurants
423390	5093	Automobile Manufacturing
445110	5411	Grocery Stores
323110	2752	Print shops
621111	8093	Offices of Physicians
924	9511	Public Administration of Environmental Quality Programs
92411	9631	Public Administration of Air and Water Resource and Solid Waste Management Programs
928110	9711	Military bases and camps
927110	9661	Public Administration of Space Research and Technology

^aGiven the breadth of industries who are currently GPP Partners, only a subset of their NAICS/SIC codes is listed to provide examples.

(ii) CHPP Respondent NAICS/SIC codes

The CHPP classifies its Partners into eleven categories. They are government agency, non-governmental organizations, utility, attorney, consultant, end-user, Energy Service Company

(ESCO), engineering or construction firms, financier, manufacturer or distributor, non-governmental organization (NGO), and project developer. Government agency Partners include state and local energy, environmental, and economic development agencies who will promote CHP development in their area. NGO are organization that operates independent of government that addresses political, social, environmental, energy, or economic issues and in this case related to CHP. Utility Partners install CHP projects at their facilities, work to provide end-users with fuel for their CHP projects or work to distribute electricity from CHP sources. The remaining eight categories are included in the industrial, commercial, and institutional Partner groups. End-use Partners are comprised of a broad range of industrial, commercial, or institutional organizations who utilize CHP technology to provide heat and electricity at their facilities. Manufacturers/distributors are involved in the manufacturing, supplying, or installation of CHP-related products. Other Partner categories work to create new CHP projects. These Partners include energy services companies (ESCOs), attorneys, CHP project developers, financiers, engineering/construction firms, and consultants. The following list provides the most common NAICS/SIC codes for the various different types of CHPP Partners:

NAICS	SIC	Description
State/Local/Tribal Partners		
92613	9631	Public Administration, Regulation and Administration of Communications, Electric, Gas, and Other Utilities
926130	9631	Public Administration, Energy development and conservation programs
9611	9611	Public Administration of General Economic Programs
924	9511	Public Administration of Environmental Quality Programs
Equipment Manufacturers		
333611	3511	Turbine and turbine generator manufacturing
335999	3699	Fuel cells, electrochemical generators, manufacturing
541512	7373	Information management computer systems integration design services
541614	8742	Manufacturing operations improvement consulting services
CHP project promoters and facilitators		
541110	8111	Offices of Lawyers
541690	8999	Energy consulting services
541330	8999	Engineering consulting services
523910	6153 6211 6799	Financial Investments and Related Activities, Miscellaneous Intermediation
Utilities		
221122	4911	Electric Power Distribution

NAICS	SIC	Description
221210	4923	Natural Gas Distribution
End-Users^a		
325415	2834	Pharmaceutical Preparation Manufacturing
611310	8221	Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools
322121	2611 2621	Pulp and Paper Mills (Except Newsprint Mills)
336111	3711	Automobile Manufacturing
813110	8661	Religious Organizations
331111	3317	Steel Mills
721110	7011	Hotels (Except Casino Hotels) and Motels

^a There is a wide variety of entities that could install CHP projects and become CHP end users. Any facility with a demand for both electricity and thermal energy (i.e., steam, heating, or cooling) during most of the year and with access to fuels is a potential candidate for a CHPP end-user Partner. For this reason, only a subset of the end-users is listed to provide examples.

4(b) Information Requested

(i) Data Items, Including Recordkeeping Requirements

GPP. Information will be collected through the Partnership Agreement and Partner Yearly Report, as well as through clarification follow-ups and calls or e-mails as needed. Each activity is described below.

The Partnership Agreement requests the following information from all Partners:

- Organization name;
- Scope of entity/entities joining Partnership;
- Total purchased electricity use and green power purchase commitment;
- Signature and printed name and title of authorized organization representative;
- Contact information about the organizational liaison to the GPP, including name, title address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address;
- Purchase details such as retailer name, the type of green power product delivered (utility product, renewable energy certificates, or on-site generation), type of renewable resource; and
- Questions about product certification status and contract dates.

The GPP Partner Yearly Reports collect or update the following information:

- Updates to liaison information listed above;

- Updates to commitment details, including total annual energy consumption, annual green power commitment;
- Updates purchase details such as retailer name, the type of green power product delivered (utility product, renewable energy certificates, or on-site generation), type of renewable resource;
- Updates to product certification status and contract dates; and
- Short paragraph description of Partner's Green Power Commitment.

The GPP award application collects or updates the following information:

- Updates to liaison information listed above;
- Updates to commitment details, including total annual energy consumption, annual green power commitment;
- Updates purchase details such as retailer name, the type of green power product delivered (utility product, renewable energy certificates, or on-site generation), type of renewable resource;
- Updates to product certification status and contract dates; and
- Short paragraph description of Partner's green power use and projects plus a description of the organization's communication and stakeholder activities in relations to their green power use.
- Short paragraph description of their involvement in: goal setting, transparency, and innovation.

A company profile will be available on the GPP Web site, additional data will be presented in the Green Power Data Viewer. Partners may submit corrections or updates to their profile via the Web site or electronically at any time. EPA will also place follow-up calls to clarify any unclear information submitted by Partners.

Occasionally, EPA may request technical information in addition to the standard forms. This information will be requested on a voluntary basis from a subset of GPP Partners. For instance, information may be requested from the twenty-five largest green power purchasers in order to feature them on the GPP Web site. Requested information may also be used to target communications and outreach efforts more effectively.

CHPP. Information will be collected through the Partnership Agreement, as well as through clarification follow-up calls or e-mails as needed. The Partnership Agreement requests the following information from all new Partners:

- Organization name and address;
- CHPP primary contact information (as well as additional contact information at Partner's discretion);
- CHP organization type
- Brief description of organization's involvement with CHP
- Organization web site address and/or CHP-related Web page.

A company profile and contact information will be available on the CHPP Partnership Web site. Partners may submit corrections or updates via the Web site at any time. EPA will also place follow-up calls to clarify any unclear information submitted by Partners.

Participation in GPP and CHPP does not require any records to be kept, although Partners will likely keep file copies of the Partnership Agreements and reporting forms submitted to EPA.

The Partnership Agreement form will be updated by removing the approval expiration date, which is currently located in the top right corner of the form.

The Partnership Agreement form statement regarding the one-year length of time the green power purchase must be completed by will be updated to read as follows: "Buy green power that meets or exceeds Partnership requirements within six months of signing this Partnership Agreement."

(ii) Respondent Activities

The respondent activities depend on the aspect of the information collection to which they are responding. In completing the Partnership Agreements, respondents will:

- Review the form;
- Complete the form;
- Sign and submit the form electronically to EPA; and
- File a copy of the form.

In completing the pre-populated GPP Partner Yearly Report, respondents will:

- Read the forms and instructions;
- Update the pre-populated report or form with new information where necessary;
- Submit the yearly report electronically to EPA; and
- File a copy of the form.

In replying to or initiating an information update or clarification, respondents will:

- Gather information and provide information to the GPP or CHPP via the Web site, an e-mail, or a telephone interview.

5. THE INFORMATION COLLECTED - AGENCY ACTIVITIES, COLLECTION METHODOLOGY, AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

5(a) Agency Activities

(i) Agency Activities for the GPP's and CHPP's Partnership Agreements

Agency activities associated with this information collection depend on the aspect of the information collection that the Agency has received. In receiving the Partnership Agreements for either the GPP or CHPP, the Agency will:

- Review the information provided;
- Enter the information into a database; and
- File the form.

(ii) Agency Activities for GPP

Agency activities specific to the GPP will depend on the types of activities the Agency will initiate and receive. In requesting and receiving the information through a Partner Yearly Report Form sent to Partners one year after they join the Partnership and annually thereafter, the Agency will:

- Prepare pre-populated partner data and mail the Partner Yearly Report annually;
- Receive and review the information provided on completed forms;
- Enter the information into a database; and
- File the form.

In initiating information updates and follow-ups, the Agency will:

- Call or email Partners;
- Request updated information or clarification on Partnership Agreements or Partner Yearly Report Forms by telephone or e-mail;

- Request additional technical information, as needed, from a subset of GPP Partners; and
- Revise data in the database based on these updates.

In receiving information updates via the Web site, the Agency will:

- Review the data received through the GPP Web site; and
- Revise data in the database based on the updates.

(iii) Agency Activities for CHPP

Agency activities specific to the CHPP will also depend on the types of activities the Agency will initiate and receive.

In initiating information updates and follow-ups, the Agency will:

- Call or email Partners;
- Request updated information or clarification on CHPP Partnership Agreement; and
- Revise data in the database based on the updates.

In receiving information updates via the Web site, the Agency will:

- Review the data received on the CHPP Web site; and
- Revise data in the database based on the updates.

5(b) Collection Methodology and Management

The methods selected for this information collection are chosen based on efficiency and minimization of burden for respondents and EPA. The respective Partnership Agreement can be downloaded from the appropriate Web site and returned to EPA by email. General Partner information will be posted on the GPP or CHPP Web site where it can be reviewed for accuracy by the Partners and revised if necessary. Information forms will be available for Partners electronically on each Web site and can be returned by e-mail. In addition, the GPP will send pre-populated Yearly Reports to Partners each year containing the information previously submitted. Partners need only review the information for accuracy and submit any updates, thus minimizing the burden of the respondents. All information received electronically will be reviewed by EPA before being entered into the database.

5(c) Small Entity Flexibility

EPA expects that some GPP Partners and CHPP Partners are small entities. EPA has designed its approach for this information collection to minimize burden for all respondents while obtaining sufficient and accurate information. The data requested includes only the most critical information and may be submitted electronically. As discussed above, for GPP EPA pre-populates Yearly Report forms or spreadsheets with information previously submitted to avoid duplication of effort and minimize the burden for respondents. Additionally, participation in GPP and CHPP is voluntary. Any small entity that finds the information collection overly burdensome is not required to participate.

EPA expects that some GPP partners are small entities. GPP has benchmarks to join the partnership that include using 100,000 kWh of electricity load annually. This programmatic change went into place since the last ICR and resulted in many small entities no longer being eligible to participate in the program.

Given the large number of private sector GPP partners, EPA was not able to review the small entity status of each Partner individually. GPP assumed that all companies on Fortune magazine's list of the top 1,000 U.S. companies by revenue are not small entities. GPP tracks the number of partners that are currently in the Fortune 500. Currently 74 out of 727 partners are within the fortune 500, which means they are not small entities. GPP also assumed that all non-profit organizations are classified as small entities. Currently there are 14 non-profits in the GPP.

EPA has designed its approach for this information collection to minimize the burden for all respondents while obtaining sufficient and accurate information. Since the previous ICR, GPP has strived to lessen the reporting burden on Partners by introducing reporting efficiencies, such as a writeable Portable Document Format (PDF) version of the Partnership Agreement that improves readability, and thereby reduces the frequency of Agency follow up with Partners. GPP also offers technical assistance to any prospective or current partner

EPA expects that some CHPP Partners are small entities. The CHPP consists of the following partner categories: attorney, end-user, energy service company (ESCO), engineering/construction, financier, government agency, manufacturer/distributor, non-governmental organization (NGO), project developer, utility. The CHPP assumed that all utilities, government agency partners, manufacturers/distributors, and end-users are not small businesses. Companies of these partner types are large in scale and scope and are most likely not small businesses.

The CHPP assumed that all NGO partners are small businesses given they typically have a small number of employees and typically do not work for profit.

CHPP takes an average of 0.5 hours to complete and is a one-time form. CHPP also offers assistance for any organization needing assistance in completing the form. Due to these circumstances, it is assumed there is no burden for CHPP partners to fill out the form based on their size.

5(d) Collection Schedule

EPA will collect general information from all new Partners through either the GPP's or CHPP's Partnership Agreement, which is completed and submitted by each Partner upon their agreement to participate in the program. In addition, GPP Partners will be asked to complete a Partner Yearly Report on an annual basis on the anniversary of EPA's receipt of the Partner's last information update. In addition, a subset of GPP Partners may occasionally be asked to provide additional information specific to their industry sector or to an aspect of the GPP program.

6. ESTIMATING THE BURDEN AND COST OF THE COLLECTION

6(a) Estimating Respondent Burden

As previously noted, EPA has reviewed the existing burden and cost estimates of the collection, which have decreased since the last ICR renewal. In 2021 EPA consulted with nine Partners (respondents) from the GPP and the CHPP to obtain accurate hourly burden and cost estimates. These responses were averaged to estimate the hourly burden for each activity and the labor rates. In consulting with Partners, EPA provided them with hourly burden estimates from the last submitted ICR, as well as current labor rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Respondents were asked if the hourly burden estimates and labor rates were appropriate and, if not, to provide estimates based on their experience.

The hourly burden for each activity was multiplied by the number of Partners (respondents) performing the activity each year to estimate the total respondent burden. In accordance with the Paper Reduction Act, Federal Partners were excluded from the burden estimate although we summarize their burden in Table 4. Capital, operation and maintenance costs were also considered. Attachment A presents the estimated annual respondent burden and costs for information collection activities associated with the GPP for each year of the collection. Attachment A and Table 2 include burden estimates for Federal entities in the GPP, but these are not included as part of this Information Collection Request. Attachment A presents the estimated

annual respondent burden and costs for information collection activities associated with the CHPP for each year of the collection. Table 2 in Section 6(e) of this supporting statement presents a summary of the overall respondent burden for both the GPP and CHPP for each of the three years as well as the total burden and the annual average burden.

6(b) Estimating Respondent Costs

(i) Estimating Labor Costs

Respondent labor rates came from the last ICR’s direct consultations with GPP Partners and CHPP Partners, as discussed in section 6(a). For all Partners, loaded rates are \$143.84 for legal staff, \$117.52 for managerial staff, \$109.12 for technical staff, and \$56.01 for clerical staff. For CHPP Partners, loaded rates are \$143.84 for legal staff, \$117.52 for managerial staff, \$109.12 for technical staff, and \$56.01 for Industrial Production Managers.

For public sector respondents (Local and State Partners), EPA used the same labor rates used for EPA personnel (see Section 6(c)). The Labor rates for management staff of public-sector respondents were used to represent labor rates for legal staff of public-sector respondents.

(ii) Estimating Capital and Operations and Maintenance Costs

Because this information collection requires respondents only to report information that is already available to them, there are no capital and O&M costs.

6(c) Estimating Agency Burden and Costs

Attachments C and D present the estimated Agency burden hours and costs for the information collection activities associated with GPP and CHPP, respectively. Table 1 presents a summary of the Agency burden for both programs and the total burden. To derive these estimates, EPA used the “Salary Table 2021 - GS Salary Table of Annual Rates by Grade and Step” dated January 2021, from the Department of Personnel Management. For purposes of this ICR, EPA assigned staff the following government service level: Technical Staff - GS-13, Step 1, \$37.70.

Table 1: Summary of Agency Burden

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total	Annual Average
GPP Hours	1,404	1,442	1,480	4325	1,442
CHP	10	10	10	30	10

Hours					
GPP Costs	\$52915	\$54354	\$55792	\$163061	\$54354
CHP Costs	\$377	\$377	\$377	\$1131	\$377

6(d) Estimating the Respondent Universe

GPP. A total of 783 GPP Partners is expected by the end of 2022. EPA expects future growth to be constant since the number of Partners that have joined in the past few years has been steady. EPA anticipates that 28 new Partners will join the program each year in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Of these new 28 Partners joining each year, EPA expects that 24 will be from the private sector, 3 from local and state governments, and 1 from Federal Government, as is consistent with the Partnership’s current makeup. Each new Partner is required to complete and submit a Partnership Agreement form, and all participating Partners are expected to fill out or update the Partner Yearly Report, starting the year after they join.

The average annual number of respondents over three years is 751. The number of respondents in each of the three years of this information collection and the average over the 3-year period is shown in Table 23 in Section 6(e) of this supporting statement.

CHPP. EPA anticipates 10 new Partners will join the program each year in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Of these new respondents, it is assumed that there are 6 to 7 new Partners per year in each of the following categories: end-users, project developers, engineering/construction firms, manufacturers/distributors, and utilities, with up to an additional two Partners belonging to government agencies per year. Each of the new Partners is expected to fill out a Partnership Agreement.

The average annual number of respondents over three years is 10. The number of respondents in each of the three years of this information collection and the average over the 3-year period are shown in Table 2.

6(e) Bottom Line Burden Hours and Costs

GPP. Attachment A shows the detailed annual burden and cost to respondents and the Agency, respectively, for the information collection activities associated with GPP. The results are summarized in Tables 2 and 3. The total annual burden, averaged over the three-year period, is 1,442 hours and \$81,156 per year for respondents and 1,442 hours and \$81,156 per year for the

Agency. (See Tables 2 and 3 for these average numbers.) The bottom-line burden for respondents will be the least in year 1 and will gradually increase in years 2 and 3. This is because there are more Partners responding in years 2 and 3. The burden per respondent is similar in all 3 years. In years 1, 2, and 3, new Partners will complete a Partnership Agreement. In years 1, 2, and 3, existing Partners will update information in the Partner Yearly Report Form as needed. After the first submittal, EPA will provide the information previously submitted by existing Partners and only ask for updates. Similarly, the Agency burden is the least in year 1 and will gradually increase in years 2 and 3 as EPA has more information submittals to review and enter into the database. See Tables 2 and 3 for respondent and Agency burdens in each of the three years.

Table 4 summarizes the total annual respondent burden for Federal Partners, although these are not included in Table 2 since, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Federal respondents are excluded from Information Collection Requests. The total annual burden for Federal Partners, averaged over the three-year period, is 33 hours and \$1,254 per year.

CHPP. Attachment A shows the detailed annual burden and cost to respondents and the Agency, respectively, for the information collection activities associated with CHPP. The results are summarized in Tables 2 and 3. The total annual burden, averaged over the three-year period, is 3 hours and \$158 for Partners, and 10 hours and \$377 for the Agency. (See Tables 2 and 3 for these average numbers.) The CHPP does not expect an increase in number of partners. The burden per respondent is similar in all 3 years. In years 1, 2, and 3, new Partners will complete a Partnership Agreement. See Tables 2 and 3 for the respondent and Agency burdens in each of the three years.

The CHPP has no Federal Partners so no burden is calculated in Table 4.

Total. Considering both the GPP and the CHPP, the combined total annual burden (averaged over a 3-year period) is 1,445 hours and \$81,314 per year for respondents and 1,452 hours and \$54,731 per year for the Agency. Tables 2 and 3 show the breakout between labor costs. The burden estimates reflect an average of 761 respondents per year. The average annual burden per respondent is 1.89 hours and \$106.85 per year.

TABLE 2.
ESTIMATED TOTAL RESPONDENT BURDEN AND COST FOR GPP, CHPP, AND COMBINED

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total	Annual Average
Green Power Partnership Program					
Number of Respondents*	727	751	774	2252	751
Number of Company/Institutional Respondents	608	626	641	1875	625
Number of Local/State Respondents	119	125	133	377	126
Hours	1,404	1,442	1,480	4,326	1,442
Labor Costs	\$79,008	\$81,156	\$83,304	\$24,346	\$81,156
TOTAL Costs	\$79,008	\$81,156	\$83,304	\$243,486	\$81,156
CHP Partnership Program					
Number of Respondents	10	10	10	10	10
Number of Company/Institutional Respondents	10	10	10	10	10
Number of State Respondents	0	0	0	0	0
Hours	3	3	3	3	3
Labor Costs	\$158	\$158	\$158	\$474	\$158
TOTAL Costs	\$158	\$158	\$158	\$474	\$158
Combined Totals for Both Programs					
Number of Respondents	737	761	784	2,282	761
Hours	1,407	1,445	1,483	4,335	1,445
Labor Costs	\$79,166	\$81,314	\$83,462	\$243,942	\$81,314
TOTAL Costs	\$79,166	\$81,314	\$83,462	\$243,942	\$81,314
Average annual hours per respondent					1.89
Average annual costs per respondent					\$107.00

*In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Federal government respondents are not included in the burden estimate in Table 2 because, based on its experience, GPP assumes that participating Federal facilities are not run by contractors. The burden on Federal government respondents is shown separately in Table 4.

TABLE 3.
ESTIMATED TOTAL AGENCY BURDEN AND COST FOR GPP, CHPP and
COMBINED

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total	Annual Average
Green Power Partnership Program					
Number of Respondents	773	799	825	2,397	799
Hours	1,404	1,442	1,480	4,325	1,442
Labor Costs	\$52,915	\$54,354	\$55,792	\$163,061	\$54,354
TOTAL Costs	\$52,915	\$54,354	\$55,792	\$163,061	\$54,354
CHP Partnership Program					
Number of Respondents	10	10	10	30	10
Hours	10	10	10	30	10
Labor Costs	\$377	\$377	\$377	\$1,131	\$377
TOTAL Costs	\$377	\$377	\$377	\$1,131	\$377
Combined Totals for Both Programs					
Number of Respondents	783	809	835	2,427	809
Hours	1,414	1,452	1,490	4,355	1,452
Labor Costs	\$53,292	\$54,731	\$56,169	\$164,192	\$54,731
TOTAL Costs	\$53,292	\$54,731	\$56,169	\$164,192	\$54,731

TABLE 4.

ESTIMATED RESPONDENT BURDEN FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total	Annual Average
Green Power Partnership Program					
Number of Respondents	6	7	8	21	7
Hours	29	33	38	100	33
Labor Costs	\$1,074	\$1,254	\$1,433	\$3,761	\$1,254
TOTAL Costs	\$1,074	\$1,254	\$1,433	\$3,761	\$1,254
CHP Partnership Program					
Number of Respondents	0	0	0	0	0
Hours	0	0	0	0	0
Labor Costs	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Combined Totals for Both Programs					
Number of Respondents	6	7	8	21	7
Hours	29	33	38	100	33
Labor Costs	\$1,074	\$1,254	\$1,433	\$3,761	\$1,254
TOTAL Costs	\$1,074	\$1,254	\$1,433	\$3,761	\$1,254
Average annual hours per respondent					5
Average annual costs per respondent					\$179

6(f) Reasons for Change in Burden

Since the initial ICR, both the GPP and CHPP have introduced program efficiencies to reduce program burden and simplified collection forms into pre-populated spreadsheets or documents. As a result of these changes, the average number of hours per Partner has decreased during each renewal from 2.87 hours to 1.89 hours. Additionally, due to adjustments in requirements to become partners, the number of partners has reduced drastically. The number of respondents has declined from 1,959 to 761.

Additionally, previous ICRs have included O&M and Capital calculations which was an error. Since the effort of parties to submit documentation falls under routine business, no O&M cost should be included in the estimation. The CHP partnership has also reduced the categories of partners it receives information from. Previous submissions came from both private, and state governments. However, due to program updates, the CHP is only receiving partnership agreements from the private sector.

6(g) Burden Statement

The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.89 hours per respondent. The average number of annual burden hours per

type of response is: 3.3 hours for a GPP Partnership Agreement (a one-time burden for GPP); 0.5 hours for a CHPP Partnership Agreement (a one-time burden for CHPP Partners).

Partners from both programs may also submit voluntary updates of simple information, such as contact information or company profiles, via the Web site. These updates would take from 15 minutes to 0.5 hours per response. A subset of Partners may participate in brief (i.e., 15 minute) telephone calls with EPA to clarify questions pertaining to the Partnership Agreement or GPP Partner Yearly Report. All of these activities are included in the annual burden estimate. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

To comment on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including the use of automated collection techniques, EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID Number EPAHQ-OAR-2004-0501 FRL-8938-01-OAR, which is available for online viewing at www.regulations.gov, or in person viewing at the in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744. An electronic version of the public docket is available at www.regulations.gov. This site can be used to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. When in the system, select "search," then key in the Docket ID Number identified above. Also, you can send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA. Please include the EPA Docket ID Number EPAHQ-OAR-2004-0501 FRL-8938-01-OAR and OMB Control Number 2060-0578 in any correspondence.