# Request for Approval under the "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback" (OMB#: 0925-0648 Exp., date: 09/2025)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Annual Lab Survey

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this survey is to solicit feedback annually until September 2025 about the performance of the Laboratory/Branch Chiefs. We have ensured that these survey activities, which are designed to gather and measure Laboratory/Branch members' perceptions of the quality of the Chief's performance as it relates to laboratory management, administrative management, and ethical leadership, satisfy the requirements and the spirit of Executive Order (EO) 12862. Furthermore, periodic surveys of lab staff are part of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) leadership reviews of Laboratory/Branch Chiefs. The feedback will be provided to the NIA BSC members for evaluation of the Laboratory/Branch Chief. Each respondent will answer questions about their respective labs.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS**: NIA IRP full time equivalent (FTE) federal employees and non-FTEs including contractors, trainees/fellows, guest researchers, and special volunteers.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)	
[ ] Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form [ ] Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software	[] Customer Satisfaction Survey [] Small Discussion Group
[] Focus Group	[X] Other: Performance Feedback

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

I certify the following to be true:

- 1. The collection is voluntary.
- 2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
- 3. The collection is non-controversial and does <u>not</u> raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
- 4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
- 5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of <u>substantially</u> informing <u>influential</u> policy decisions.
- 6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

#### **Personally Identifiable Information:**

- 1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? [ ] Yes [x ] No
- 2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? [] Yes[] No
- 3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published? [] Yes [x] No

#### Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? [] Yes [x] No

## **ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS and COSTS**

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per	Time per	Total
		Respondent	Response	Burden
		_	(in hours)	Hours
Federal Government –	255	1	10/60	42.5
IRP FTE's				
NIA IRP-Non-FTE's	387	1	10/60	64.5
Totals		642		107

Category of Respondent	Total Burden Hours	Hourly Wage Rate*	Total Burden Cost
Federal Government – IRP FTE's	42.5	\$22.00	\$935.00
NIA IRP-Non-FTE's	64.5	\$22.00	\$1,419.00
Totals	107		\$2,354.00

<sup>\*</sup>Cite source per bls.gov if applicable

**FEDERAL COST:** The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$1,503.84 (one-time cost). This is estimated based on a portion of the existing subscription to Survey Monkey, staff hours involved in preparing the survey, and email communication used for solicitation.

			% of	Fringe (if applicable)	Total Cost to Gov't
Staff	Grade/Step	Salary*	Effort		
Federal Oversight					
Program Specialist	13/4	\$117,505	1		\$1,175.05
<b>Contractor Cost</b>					
Title					
Travel					
Other Cost					
Total					\$1,175.05

<sup>\*</sup>the Salary in table above is cited from <a href="https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2018/DCB.pdf">https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2018/DCB.pdf</a>

# <u>If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:</u>

The	selection	of your	targeted	respondents

1.	Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of pote	ential
	respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?	
	[x] Yes [] No	

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them? Each laboratory has an email distribution list, which includes all staff in that respective area.

## **Administration of the Instrument**

1.	How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
	[x] Web-based or other forms of Social Media
	[ ] Telephone
	[ ] In-person
	[ ] Mail
	[ ] Other, Explain
2.	Will interviewers or facilitators be used? [ ] Yes [ x ] No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.