

## Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 0920-1050)

*Instruction: This form should be completed by the primary contact person from the Program sponsoring the collection.*

### DETERMINE IF YOUR COLLECTION IS APPROPRIATE FOR THIS GENERIC CLEARANCE MECHANISM:

*Instruction: Before completing and submitting this form, determine first if the proposed collection is consistent with the scope of the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback generic clearance mechanism. To determine the appropriateness of using the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback generic clearance mechanism, complete the checklist below.*

*If you select “yes” to all criteria in Column A, the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback generic clearance mechanism **can** be used. If you select “yes” to any criterion in Column B, the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback generic clearance mechanism **cannot** be used.*

Column A	Column B
The information gathered will only be used internally to CDC. [ X ] Yes [ ] No	Information gathered will be publicly released or published. [ ] Yes [ X ] No
Data is qualitative in nature and not generalizable to people from whom data was not collected. [ X ] Yes [ ] No	Employs quantitative study design (e.g. those that rely on probability design or experimental methods) [ ] Yes [ X ] No
There are no sensitive questions within this collection (e.g. sexual orientation, gender identity). [ X ] Yes [ ] No	Sensitive questions will be asked (e.g. sexual orientation, gender identity). [ ] Yes [ X ] No
Collection does not raise issues of concern to any other Federal agencies. [ X ] Yes [ ] No	Other Federal agencies may have equities or concerns regarding this collection. [ ] Yes [ X ] No
Data collection is focused on determining ways to improve delivery of services to customers of a current CDC program. [ X ] Yes [ ] No	Data will be used to inform programmatic or budgetary decisions, for the purpose of program evaluation, for surveillance, for program needs assessment, or for research. [ ] Yes [ X ] No
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. [ X ] Yes [ ] No	

Did you select “Yes” to all criteria in Column A? Yes

*If yes, the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback generic clearance mechanism may be appropriate for your investigation. You may proceed with this form.*

Did you select “Yes” to any criterion in Column B? No

*If yes, the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback generic clearance mechanism is **NOT** appropriate for your investigation. Stop completing this form now.*

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**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:**

Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI) Learning Community Survey

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this survey is to document customer experiences engaging with each component of the WAI Learning Community. The data will be used to ensure that the Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI) Learning Community meets the needs of its customers. The WAI Learning Community is designed to strengthen WAI Placements and Public Health Agency (PHA) teams' capacity to accomplish their systems improvement priorities and goals.

The WAI is implemented by the CDC Foundation through the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL), to recruit, hire, and place 127 technology and data experts directly in 49 diverse public health agencies to accelerate their priority information system improvements, strengthen the public health workforce at all levels, and advance progress towards Public Health Data Strategy (PHDS) goals.

Information gathered from the survey will remain internal to CDC.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:**

Potential respondents will be any PHA staff from the 49 state, tribal, local, and territorial public health agencies (PHA) that will receive WAI placements who attend a WAI Learning Community event.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** (Check one)

*Instruction: Please sparingly use the Other category*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

**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 not 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 substantially informing influential policy decisions.

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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  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  No

**Gifts or Payments:**

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

**If Yes:** Please describe the incentive. If amounts are outside of customary incentives, please also provide a justification

**BURDEN HOURS**

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time	Burden (In hours)
State, local, or tribal government staff (mid-point survey)	30	20 minutes	10
State, local, or tribal government staff (final survey)	30	20 minutes	10
<b>Totals</b>	60	20 minutes	20

**FEDERAL COST:** The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$8,300. This is based on pay for three positions. The first position estimate is based on the time required for one contractor to design survey and reach out to potential respondents through partner organizations. The second position is for a contractor to coordinate receipt of survey data. The third position is a contractor to conduct a descriptive analysis of results.

*Estimated Annualized Cost to the Federal Government*

Staff (FTE)	Estimated Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Cost
<i>Contractor- Project Lead: Design of survey; outreach to public health agencies to distribute surveys</i>	10 (0.01 Contractor)	\$200/hour	\$2,000
<i>Contractor- Technical Consultant: Programming of survey in Smartsheet; Distribution and coordination of receipt of survey data</i>	5 (0.01 Contractor)	\$150/hour	\$750
<i>Contractor- Subject Matter Consultant: Descriptive analysis of data</i>	30 (0.01 Contractor)	\$185/hour	\$5,550
<i>Survey software- no cost will use existing account of</i>	N/A	\$0	\$0

<i>contracted partner (CDC Foundation) with Smartsheet survey system</i>			
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$8,300</b>

**If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents**

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

**If Yes:** Please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)

**If No:** Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them or ask them to self-select/volunteer

The funded organization (CDC Foundation) has identified 49 public health agencies to receive WAI placements.

The method will identify respondents as any PHA staff who have attended at least one Learning Community event. The number of respondents in the Burden Hours table reflects 30 mid-point survey respondents and 30 final survey respondents.

The survey is very brief with 28 questions (combination of open-ended, Likert scale, 5-point scale, and open-ended questions).

**Administration of the Instrument**

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

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

**Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback”**

**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:** Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on xxxx)

**PURPOSE:** Provide a concise description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:** Provide a concise description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument. The 'Other' category should be used only in the contexts in which the provided categories cannot reasonably apply.

**CERTIFICATION:** Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

**Personally Identifiable Information:** Provide answers to the questions.

**Gifts or Payments:** As a general matter, incentives are not appropriate for customer service collections; however, incentives may be appropriate for focus groups or in-depth usability studies, especially when participants must travel to a site to participate. In the latter circumstance, the incentive should include travel costs. Customary incentives for focus groups in the Federal government are \$40 for a one-hour interview and \$75 for a 90-minute focus group. If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for amounts other than those cited above; justifications should be limited to Federal studies of a similar design and subpopulation.

**BURDEN HOURS:**

**Category of Respondents:** Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households; (2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected.

**No. of Respondents:** Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.

**Participation Time:** Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

**Burden:** Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

**FEDERAL COST:** Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

**If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents.** Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

**Administration of the Instrument:** Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g. for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

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