

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Transportation Requirements.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary; whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 25, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0061, Transportation Requirements, by any of the following methods:

- Regulations.gov: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0061, Transportation Requirements". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0061, Transportation Requirements" on your attached document.

- Fax: 202-501-4067.
- Mail: General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0061, Transportation Requirements.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0061, Transportation Requirements, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Curtis E. Glover, Sr., Procurement Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-1448 or via email at curtis.glover@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

FAR Part 47 contains policies and procedures for applying transportation and traffic management considerations in the acquisition of supplies. The FAR part also contains policies and procedures when acquiring transportation or transportation-related services. Generally, contracts involving transportation require information regarding the nature of the supplies, method of shipment, place and time of shipment, applicable charges, marking of shipments, shipping documents and other related items. Contractors are required to provide the information in accordance with the following FAR Part 47 clauses: 52.247-29 through 52.247-44, 52.247-48, 52.247-52, 52.247-57 and 52.247-64. The information is used to ensure that: (1) acquisitions are made on the basis most advantageous to the Government and; (2) supplies arrive in good order and condition, and on time at the required place.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 65,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 22.

Annual Responses: 1,430,000.

Hours Per Response: .05.

Total Burden Hours: 71,500.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0061, Transportation Requirements, in all correspondence.

Dated:

Laura Auletta,

Director, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors

AGENCY: National Toxicology Program (NTP), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting

of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC is a federally chartered, external advisory group composed of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP and evaluates the scientific merit of the NTP's intramural and collaborative programs.

DATES: The BSC meeting will be held on June 21 and 22, 2012. The deadline for submission of written comments is June 7, 2012, and for pre-registration to attend the meeting, including registering to present oral comments, is June 14, 2012. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodation to participate in this event should contact Dr. Lori White at voice telephone: 919-541-9834 or email: whiteltd@niehs.nih.gov. TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Requests should be made at least 5 business days in advance of the event.

ADDRESSES: The BSC meeting will be held in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the NIEHS, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Public comments on all agenda topics and any other correspondence should be submitted to Dr. Lori White, Designated Federal Officer for the BSC, Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, Division of NTP, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, K2-03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-9834; fax: 919-541-0295; whiteltd@niehs.nih.gov. Courier address: NIEHS, 530 Davis Drive, Room K2136, Morrisville, NC 27560.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lori White (telephone: 919-541-9834 or whiteltd@niehs.nih.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preliminary Agenda and Other Meeting Information

The BSC will provide input to the NTP on programmatic activities and issues. A preliminary agenda, roster of BSC members, background materials, public comments, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the BSC meeting Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) or may be requested in hardcopy from the Designated Federal Officer for the BSC (see **ADDRESSES** above). Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and made available on the BSC meeting Web site.

Attendance and Registration

The meeting is scheduled for June 21 and 22, 2012, beginning at 8:30 a.m. EDT and continuing to approximately 4:30 p.m. on June 21 and until

adjournment on June 22. This meeting is open to the public with attendance limited only by the space available. Individuals who plan to attend are encouraged to register online at the BSC meeting Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) by June 14, 2012, to facilitate planning for the meeting. Registered attendees are encouraged to access this Web site to stay abreast of the most current information regarding the meeting. The NTP is making plans to videocast the meeting through the Internet at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/video/live>.

Request for Comments

Written comments submitted in response to this notice should be received by June 7, 2012. Comments will be posted on the BSC meeting Web site and persons submitting them will be identified by their name and affiliation and/or sponsoring organization, if applicable. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation (if applicable), phone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document.

Time will be allotted during the meeting for the public to present oral comments to the BSC on the agenda topics. In addition to in-person oral comments at the meeting at the NIEHS, public comments can be presented by teleconference line. There will be 50 lines for this call; availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The available lines will be open from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment, although public comments will be received only during the formal public comment periods, which are indicated on the preliminary agenda. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes at the discretion of the BSC chair. Persons wishing to present oral comments are encouraged to pre-register on the NTP meeting Web site, indicate whether they will present comments in-person or via the teleconference line, and list the topic(s) on which they plan to comment. The access number for the teleconference line will be provided to registrants by email prior to the meeting. Registration for oral comments will also be available on both meeting days, although time allowed for presentation by these registrants may be less than that for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting.

Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to send a copy of their statement or PowerPoint slides to

the Designated Federal Officer for the BSC (see **ADDRESSES** above) by June 14, 2012. Written statements can supplement and may expand upon the oral presentation. If registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 40 copies of the statement for distribution to the BSC and NTP staff and to supplement the record.

Background Information on the NTP BSC

The BSC is a technical advisory body comprised of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP. Specifically, the BSC advises the NTP on matters of scientific program content, both present and future, and conducts periodic review of the program for the purpose of determining and advising on the scientific merit of its activities and their overall scientific quality. Its members are selected from recognized authorities knowledgeable in fields such as toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, biochemistry, epidemiology, risk assessment, carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, molecular biology, behavioral toxicology, neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, reproductive toxicology or teratology, and biostatistics. Members serve overlapping terms of up to four years. The BSC usually meets biannually.

Dated: April 11, 2012.

John R. Bucher,

Associate Director, National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Solicitation of Written Comments on Draft: National Action Plan To Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Healthcare Quality.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Healthcare Quality is soliciting public comment on the revised draft *National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination*.

DATES: Comments on the revised draft *National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination* should be received no later than 5 p.m. on June 25, 2012. This document reflects a significant update and expansion from

the initial version issued in 2009, "HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections." It includes new sections specific to infection reduction in ambulatory surgical centers and end-stage renal disease facilities, as well as a new section on increasing influenza vaccination of health care personnel. The *Action Plan* reflects the work of many offices across the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs. The plan also reflects input from national experts and stakeholder organizations.

ADDRESSES: The revised draft *National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination* can be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/initiatives/hai/actionplan/index.html>. Comments are preferred electronically and may be addressed to OHQ@hhs.gov. Written responses should be addressed to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Healthcare Quality, 200 Independence Ave, SW., Room 711G, Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Draft National HAI AP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Gallardo, (202) 690-2470 or OHQ@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background

Healthcare-associated infections, or HAIs, are a serious public health issue; at any given time, about 1 in every 20 patients has an infection related to their hospital care, which cost the U.S. healthcare system billions of dollars each year. For these reasons, the prevention and reduction of healthcare-associated infections is a top priority for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Multiple Operating and Staff Divisions within HHS have been working to reduce the incidence and prevalence of healthcare-associated infections for decades. To further efforts, the HHS Steering Committee for the Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections was established in July 2008 and charged with developing a comprehensive strategy to progress toward the elimination of healthcare-associated infections.

In 2009, the Steering Committee issued the initial version of the "HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections." The initial strategy (Phase One) focused on the prevention of infections in the acute care hospital setting and includes: a prioritized research agenda; an integrated information systems and technology strategy; policy options for linking payment incentives or