DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

NIOSH Dose Reconstruction Program Ten Year Review—Phase I Report on Quality of Science; Request for Public Review and Comment

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: NIOSH requests public review and comment on the draft publication, "NIOSH Dose Reconstruction Program Ten Year Review—Phase I Report on Quality of Science." This publication is part of a review by NIOSH of its program in support of the role of the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (The Act). As stated in NIOSH Docket #194, Phase I of the review is a data-driven assessment of the dose reconstruction program. The information provided in Phase I will be used by NIOSH in considering recommendations for improving the program during Phase II of the review.

This publication is the Phase I report on one of the five topics under consideration during the program review: The quality of science practiced by NIOSH in the program. The document can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/archive/docket194.html.

ADDITIONS: Written comments may be submitted to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS–C34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226. All material submitted should reference docket number NIOSH–194 and must be submitted by April 25, 2011 to be considered by the Agency. All electronic comments should be formatted in Microsoft Word. In addition, comments may be sent via e-mail to nioshdocket@cdc.gov or by facsimile to 513–533–8285. A complete electronic docket containing all comments submitted will be available on the NIOSH Web page at http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket, and comments will be available in writing by request. NIOSH includes all comments received without change in the electronic docket, including any personal information.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: AFI Financial Education Practices and Cost Study.

OMB No.: New collection.

Description: The Office of Community Services (OCS) within the Administration for Children and Families is conducting a descriptive study of Financial Education Practices among Assets for Independence (AFI) grantees to increase its knowledge about current practices in financial education for AFI participants and the costs involved to provide the financial education.

The Assets for Independence program is a national demonstration through which OCS awards grants to community-based nonprofit organizations, and State, local, and tribal government agencies nationwide. The AFI program is authorized in Section 402 of the Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998 (Title IV of Pub. L. 105–285).

Grantees implement five year projects that empower low-income families and individuals to save earned income and purchase an economic asset as a means for becoming financially self-sufficient. Grantees provide eligible low-income individuals and families access to matched savings accounts, known as individual development accounts (IDAs). In addition, grantees provide asset-building services to program participants, such as financial literacy education, and specialized asset-specific training regarding asset purchase and ownership.

This data collection effort will provide OCS with a better understanding of the future needs of AFI grantees in financial education and help OCS to build strategies to strengthen the quality of the financial education provided to AFI participants. The data collection will be collected once through two instruments: The Survey of Financial Education Practices of AFI Grantees and the AFI Financial Education Cost Data Form.

The Survey of Financial Education Practices of AFI Grantees will be a Web-based survey consisting mainly of multiple choice questions. All current AFI grantees (approximately 300 grantees) will be asked to complete the survey. The AFI Financial Education Cost Data Form is a supplement to the grantee practices survey. A smaller sample of grantees (approximately 35 grantees) representing a variety of organizational types will be randomly selected to complete this supplemental survey on the costs of providing financial education. The Cost Data Form will be sent to grantees to complete and technical assistance will be provided to grantees to help them complete the form.

Specific areas to be covered in this study include: Topics covered by financial education; formats used in delivering financial education; assessment tools that are used to determine participant needs and effectiveness of training efforts; challenges encountered in providing financial education; training materials used; costs and sources of funding for training; strategies for tracking participant progress in developing financial skills; and participant outcomes related to financial education.

Respondents: 292 AFI grantee agencies, their partners or sub-grantees, 72 AFI grantee agencies, their partners or sub-grantees' financial personnel.