

Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 15, 2003.

Joseph Schubart,

Acting Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Ronald E. McNair

Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Annual Performance Report Form.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 156.

Burden Hours: 702.

Abstract: McNair Program grantees must submit the report annually. The report provides the Department of Education with information needed to evaluate a grantee's performance and compliance with program requirements and to award prior experience points in accordance with the program regulations. The data collected is also aggregated to provide national information on project participants and program outcomes.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2279. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his e-mail address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

[FR Doc. 03-12696 Filed 5-20-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Office of Biological and Environmental Research; Recommendations for Sequencing Targets in Support of the Science Missions of the Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER)

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of recommendations for sequencing targets.

SUMMARY: This **Federal Register** notice seeks the input and nominations of interested parties for candidate microbes, microbial consortia, and 100Mb-or-less-sized organisms for draft genomic sequencing in support of Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER) programs, among them, the Climate Change Research Program, the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research (NABIR) Program, the Environmental Management Science Program (EMSP), the Microbial Genome Program (MGP), and the GTL Program. Nominated candidates should be relevant to DOE mission needs, e.g., organisms involved in environmental processes, including waste remediation, carbon management, and energy production. This announcement is not an offer of direct financial support for research on these organisms. Those nominations selected will result in the DNA sequence of selected organisms being determined at a draft level (6-8 × coverage) at the DOE Production Genomics Facility (PGF) at the Joint Genome Institute (JGI), (<http://www.jgi.doe.gov>). This announcement is designed to assist DOE in determining and prioritizing a list of microbes, microbial consortia, or modest-genome sized (not more than 100Mb) organisms (including eukaryotes) that address DOE mission needs. Following merit review, and subject to the availability of funding and programmatic relevance, draft sequencing will be carried out at the PGF.

DATES: To assure consideration, nominations in response to this notice should be received by 4:30 p.m. (EST), June 26, 2003, to be accepted for merit review. It is anticipated that review will be completed early in the fall of 2003 with draft sequencing at the DOE PGF to commence towards the end of 2003 or early in 2004, conditional upon the provision of high quality DNA.

ADDRESSES: Nominations responding to this notice should be sent to Dr. Daniel W. Drell, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-72, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW.,

Washington, DC 20585-1290; email is acceptable and encouraged for submitting nominations using the following addresses:

joanne.corcoran@science.doe.gov and daniel.drell@science.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Daniel W. Drell, SC-72, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, phone: (301) 903-4742, email: daniel.drell@science.doe.gov. The full text of this notice is available via the Internet using the following Web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/ober/microbial.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE Office of Biological and Environmental Research supports fundamental research in a variety of missions (http://www.sc.doe.gov/ober/ober_top.html). Relevant BER programs may include the Climate Change Research Program, the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research (NABIR) Program, the Environmental Management Science Program (EMSP), the Microbial Genome Program (MGP) and the GTL program. The Climate Change Research Program supports investigations of microbially-mediated fixation of atmospheric CO₂. The NABIR program supports research on microbial biotransformations and/or immobilization of metal and radionuclide wastes. The EMSP supports research into microbially-mediated biotransformations of DOE-relevant organic wastes such as chlorinated solvents. The MGP supports key DOE missions by providing and analyzing microbial DNA sequence information to further the understanding and application of microbiology relating to energy production, chemical and materials production, environmental carbon management, and environmental cleanup. The GTL Program builds on the successes of the DOE Human Genome Program (HGP) by seeking to understand biological function in DOE mission relevant microbes with emphases on identifying the multi-component protein complexes in cells, characterizing gene regulatory networks, probing the functional capabilities of the environmental microbial repertoire of genes, and beginning to model these processes computationally.

Over the last nine years, sequencing of a range of microorganisms that live in a wide diversity of environments has provided a considerable information base for scientific research related not only to DOE missions, but also to other federal agency missions and U.S.