

States (CONUS) should be updated to provide for the reimbursement of Federal employees' expenses covered by per diem. Per Diem Bulletin 04-1 increases/decreases the maximum lodging amounts in certain existing per diem localities, adds new per diem localities, and increases the incidental expenses from \$2 to \$3 for all per diem localities. The per diems prescribed in Bulletin 04-1 may be found at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>. In an effort to improve the ability of the per diem rates to meet the lodging demands of Federal travelers to high cost travel locations, the General Services Administration (GSA) has integrated the contracting mechanism of the new Federal Premier Lodging Program (FPLP) into the per diem rate-setting process. The FPLP continues to grow as GSA has awarded virtually all contracts in the top 70 Federal metropolitan travel destinations. The FPLP enhances the Government's ability to better meet its overall room night demand and allows travelers to find lodging close to where they need to conduct business. If a CONUS per diem rate is insufficient to meet necessary expenses bulletin 04-1 also contains a listing of pertinent lodging and meal cost data that must be submitted through an agency requesting a location be resurveyed.

**DATES:** This notice is effective October 1, 2003, and applies for travel performed on or after October 1, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For clarification of content, contact Patrick McConnell, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Travel Management Policy, at (202) 501-2362. Please cite Notice of Per Diem Bulletin 04-1.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Background**

After an analysis of additional data, GSA has determined that current lodging and meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) allowances for certain localities do not adequately reflect the cost of lodging in those areas.

##### **B. Change in Standard Procedure**

GSA will issue/publish the CONUS per diem rates, formerly published in appendix A to 41 CFR chapter 301, solely on the Internet at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>. This new process ensures timely increases or decreases in per diem rates established by GSA for Federal employees on official travel within CONUS. Notices published periodically in the **Federal Register**, such as this one, now constitute the only notification of revisions in CONUS per diem rates to agencies.

Dated: August 22, 2003.

**John Sindelar,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator.*

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## **HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

### **Notice of Intent To Extend an Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Truman Scholarship Foundation [Foundation] has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment: the first was published in the **Federal Register** (June 27, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 124), Page 38341), and no comments were received. The Foundation is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to OMB for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

**Comments:** Comments regarding (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Louis H. Blair, Executive Secretary, Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, 712 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20005, or send e-mail to [lblair@truman.gov](mailto:lblair@truman.gov).

**DATES:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before September 28, 2003. Copies of the submission may be obtained at 202-395-7434.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Louis H. Blair, Executive

Secretary, Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, 712 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20006; telephone 202-395-4831; or send e-mail to [lblair@truman.gov](mailto:lblair@truman.gov). You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Mr. Blair.

The Foundation may not conduct a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such person are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Truman Scholarship Application.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3200-0004.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 08/03.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

*Proposed Project:* The Foundation has been providing scholarships since 1977 in compliance with Public Law 93-642. This data collection instrument is used to collect essential information to enable the Truman Scholarship Finalists Selection Committee to determine whom to invite to interviews. It is used by Regional Review Panels as essential background information on the Finalists whom they interview and ultimately the Truman Scholars they select. A total response rate of 100% was provided by the 635 candidates who applied for Year 2003 Truman Scholarships.

*Estimate of Burden:* The Foundation estimates that, on average, 50 hours per respondent will be required to complete the application, for a total of 35,000 hours for all respondents.

*Respondents:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 700.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 35,000 hours.

Dated: August 25, 2003.

**Louis H. Blair,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Announcement of Continuation of a Cooperative Agreement for the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Program for Academic Societies**

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Research Integrity.