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Signed in Washington, DC, on October 26, 2021.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 28, 2021. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent: (1) By email to [LPO.PaperworkReductionAct.Comments@hq.doe.gov](mailto:LPO.PaperworkReductionAct.Comments@hq.doe.gov); or (2) to Knight Elsberry, U.S. Department of Energy, LPO-70, Room 4B-122, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585 with a mandatory copy by email to [LPO.PaperworkReductionAct.Comments@hq.doe.gov](mailto:LPO.PaperworkReductionAct.Comments@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Knight Elsberry, [LPO.PaperworkReductionAct.Comments@hq.doe.gov](mailto:LPO.PaperworkReductionAct.Comments@hq.doe.gov), (202) 287-6646.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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.

This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-5134; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* DOE Loan Guarantees for Energy Projects; (3) *Type of Request:* Extension; (4) *Purpose:* This information collection package covers collection of information necessary to evaluate applications for loan guarantees submitted under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended, 16516 (Title XVII), 42 U.S.C. 16511, and under Section 2602(c) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, as amended (TELGP), 25 U.S.C. 3502(c). Applications for loan guarantees submitted to DOE in response to a solicitation under Title XVII or TELGP must contain certain information. This information will be used to analyze whether a project is eligible for a loan guarantee and to evaluate the application under criteria specified in the final regulations implementing Title XVII, located at 10 CFR part 609, and adopted by DOE for purposes of TELGP, with certain immaterial modifications and omissions. The collection of this information is critical to ensure that the government has sufficient information to determine whether applicants meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for a DOE loan guarantee under Title XVII or TELGP, as the case may be, and to provide DOE with sufficient information to evaluate an applicant's project using the criteria specified in 10 CFR part 609 (for Title XVII applications) or the applicable solicitation (for TELGP applications); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 92; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 92; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 12,190; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$2,490,900.

*Authority:* Title XVII and TELGP authorize the collection of information.

*Signing Authority:* This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 25, 2021, by Jigar Shah, Executive Director, Loan Programs Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Stewardship of Software for Scientific and High-Performance Computing

**AGENCY:** Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR), Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Science (SC) in the Department of Energy (DOE) invites interested parties to provide input relevant to the stewardship of the software ecosystem for scientific and high-performance computing.

**DATES:** Written comments and information are requested on or before December 13, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** DOE is using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) system for the submission and posting of public comments in this proceeding. All comments in response to this RFI are therefore to be submitted electronically through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), via the web form accessed by following the "Submit a Formal Comment" link near the top right of the **Federal Register** web page for this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information may be submitted to [SS-RFI@science.doe.gov](mailto:SS-RFI@science.doe.gov) or to Dr. Hal Finkel at (301) 903-1304.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

A complex ecosystem of software, covering a broad spectrum from *end-user* scientific software through middleware and system software, has become a keystone capability for science and engineering. The continued advancement of this ecosystem is being driven by many factors, including but not limited to, increasing needs for