

and Budget (OMB) to conduct the data collection activities described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information to OMB, and to allow 60 days for the public to comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with such requirements and announces the SBA's proposal to conduct a survey of small business executives who participated in the SBA's T.H.R.I.V.E. Emerging Leaders Reimagined program.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 13, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JoAnn Braxton, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, 409 3rd St. SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a request for revisions of an approved collection (OMB number: 3245-0394). The SBA Emerging Leaders (EL) initiative was designed to strengthen and grow existing local entrepreneur communities in historically distressed cities. The key goals of the program are to (1) increase small business growth and survival, and (2) promote economic growth in distressed communities by providing employment opportunities as well as necessary goods and services. To achieve these goals, the program offers executives of high-growth small businesses a five-month executive leader education series, free of charge, that provide the networks, resources, and knowledge required to promote a sustainable business growth, create jobs, and contribute to the economic well-being of local communities. In 2022, the program was revamped under the new name, T.H.R.I.V.E. Emerging Leaders Reimagined. The revised program provides training that customizes content for small businesses' unique needs, increases accessibility through a virtual component, and specifically promotes business ecosystem connections among business owners, government agencies, and the financial community. This information collection is necessary for SBA to understand the progress made by the T.H.R.I.V.E. program toward achieving its goals.

The evaluation will be used to track participants' business growth, to provide guidance to the program training contractor on areas for additional assistance, and to increase SBA's understanding of the program outcome trends. This evaluation aims to examine the program participants'

business growth outcomes including revenue, profits, job creation, and business survival. The evaluation also describes the population of program participants—their businesses, business management practices, experiences with the program, and satisfaction with and perceived effectiveness of the program. Over the previous years, the evaluation results have helped to track the program performance outcomes and provide suggestions for program improvements to better facilitate small business growth. The results are also expected to provide suggestions for improving future evaluations.

The following surveys are conducted with the program participants: (1) the application form before the program enrollment, (2) the intake survey before the training, (3) the module feedback form during the training, (4) the feedback survey right after the graduation, and (5) the follow-up survey annually up to three years after graduation. The application form examines the eligibility status of the enrollees, obtains their contact information, and asks for their business goals. The data from the Intake survey is used to determine baseline levels of business outcomes, the use of management practices, and the extent to which the target population for the program is reached. The module feedback form assesses the participants' experience with each of the eight modules of the training program. The feedback survey is used to measure participant satisfaction with the training activities and to suggest training adjustments, if necessary. The annual follow-up survey tracks changes in the small business owner's management practices and business outcomes for three years after graduation from the program. The data collection covers four cohorts of program participants. The given year participants complete the application form, intake survey, module feedback, and feedback survey. The three cohorts of participants who graduated from the program one, two, and three years prior complete the follow-up survey.

Solicitation of Public Comments

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

Summary of Information Collection

PRA Number: 3245-0394.

(1) Title: SBA Emerging Leaders.

Description of Respondents: Small business executives who participated in the SBA's Emerging Leaders Reimagined program.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 5,644.

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 4,851.

Curtis B. Rich,

Agency Forms Manager.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #17520 and #17521; MINNESOTA Disaster Number MN-00097]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Minnesota

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of MINNESOTA (FEMA-4658-DR), dated 07/08/2022.

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding.

Incident Period: 05/08/2022 through 05/13/2022.

DATES: Issued on 07/08/2022.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/06/2022.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/10/2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 07/08/2022, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Aitkin, Big Stone, Cass, Chippewa, Cottonwood,

Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Morrison, Nobles, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	1.875
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	1.875
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	1.875

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 17520 B and for economic injury is 17521 0.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Joshua Barnes,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the data collection activities described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information to OMB, and to allow 60 days for the public to comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with such requirements and announces the SBA’s proposal to conduct a survey of cluster administrators, small businesses, and large organizations who participated in the SBA’s Regional Innovation Cluster (RIC) Initiative.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 13, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Philip T. Gibson; Office of Entrepreneurship Education; *philip.gibson@sba.gov*, 409 3rd Street SW, Washington, DC 20416.

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Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, *curtis.rich@sba.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a request for a revision of a currently approved collection (OMB number: 3245-0392). Through the RIC initiative, SBA is investing in regional clusters—geographic concentrations of interconnected companies, specialized suppliers, academic institutions, service providers, and associated organizations with a specific industry focus—throughout the United States that span a variety of industries. The three primary goals of the initiative are to (1) increase opportunities for small business participation within clusters, (2) promote innovation in the industries on which the clusters are focused, and (3) enhance economic development and growth in cluster regions. To achieve these goals, the clusters provide a host of services to the target population of small and emerging businesses within their regional and industry focuses. Services include direct business advising and support and sponsoring events, such as networking opportunities with investors, large businesses and other stakeholders in the regions. This information collection is necessary for SBA to understand the progress of the RIC initiative toward achieving its goals.

The evaluation consists of two key components: an implementation evaluation and an outcome evaluation. The implementation evaluation focuses on how the Initiative is implemented across the 12 clusters and on the services that each cluster provides to its small businesses. The outcome evaluation focuses on short- and intermediate-term outcomes linked directly to the cluster services, as well as on long-term business outcomes that can be reasonably expected to result from the short- and intermediate-term outcomes. The short-term outcomes include the satisfaction and the perceived effectiveness of the program for business management and growth. The intermediate outcomes include development of new products, commercialization of new technologies, marketing and export services, improved access to capital, and industry integration. Long-term outcomes include increased revenue and employment. Over the previous years, evaluation results have helped to track the program performance outcomes and provide suggestions for program improvements to better facilitate innovation and small business growth. Furthermore, the evaluation survey data helped the SBA to better focus cluster activities on local contexts, particularly

for rural and agricultural small businesses. This data will not be used to evaluate the effectiveness of an individual cluster.

The data collection effort involves three types of RIC initiative stakeholders: small businesses, large organizations, and cluster administrators. Small businesses participating in the cluster will be sent an online survey to provide data about their cluster participation experiences, satisfaction with the program and its components, the performance of their firms with respect to a variety of outcomes, and the role of cluster participation in the achievement of these outcomes. Similarly, large organizations—a broad group that includes universities, public sector agencies, nonprofit organizations, and business associations—will be asked to complete an online survey to provide data about their experiences with the RIC Initiative. The questions include reasons for the RIC participation, collaboration with and support for small businesses, and the role of cluster participation on key organizational outcomes associated with the RIC participation. The RIC administrators will be asked to complete a survey that provides the framework of the surveys that the small business and large organizations are sent. The administrator survey requests information about the services they provided to these two groups of stakeholders, and their operations in general. Cluster administrators will also be interviewed once a year to obtain information about how their operations have evolved, the adjustments they made, best practices, issues encountered, and the lessons learned.

Solicitation of Public Comments

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Summary of Information Collection

PRA Number: OMB 3245-0392.

(1) Title: Regional Clusters.

Description of Respondents: Small and emerging businesses.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 248.