

post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-FINRA-2024-001 and should be submitted on or before February 12, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶⁹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-182, OMB Control No. 3235-0237]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Form N-54A

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) (the "Investment Company Act"), certain investment companies can elect to be regulated as business development companies, as defined in Section 2(a)(48) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(48)). Under Section 54(a) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-53(a)), any company defined in Section 2(a)(48)(A) and (B) may elect to be subject to the provisions of Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-54 to 80a-64) by filing with the Commission a notification of election, if such company has: (1) a class of equity securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act"); or (2) filed a registration statement pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act for a class of its equity securities. The Commission adopted Form N-54A (17 CFR 274.53) as the form for notification of election to be regulated as a business development company.

The purpose of Form N-54A is to notify the Commission that the investment company making the notification elects to be subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act, enabling the Commission to administer those provisions of the Investment Company Act to such companies.

The Commission estimates that on average approximately 21 business development companies file these notifications each year. Each of those business development companies need only make a single filing of Form N-54A. The Commission further estimates that this information collection imposes a burden of 0.5 hours, resulting in a total annual PRA burden of 10.5 hours. Based on the estimated wage rate, the total cost to the business development company industry of the hour burden for complying with Form N-54A would be approximately \$4,462.50.

The collection of information under Form N-54A is mandatory. The information provided by the form is not kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent

within 30 days of publication of this notice by February 21, 2024 to (i) MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: January 17, 2024.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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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) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires Federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments by email to Tamara Jennings, Sr. Loan Specialist, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration at tamara.jennings@sba.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara Jennings, Sr. Loan Specialist, (202) 205-6674, tamara.jennings@sba.gov or Curtis B. Rich, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For SBA financial assistance programs, SBA Form 413 Personal Financial Statement (PFS) collects information regarding the assets and liabilities of certain owners, officers and guarantors of the small business applicant benefiting from such assistance and is used when analyzing the applicant's repayment abilities or creditworthiness. SBA's Surety Bond Guaranty Program uses the Form 413 PFS information during the claim recovery process. The information is also collected from applicants and participants in SBA's 8(a) Business Development (BD) and Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program certification process to determine

⁶⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

whether they meet the economic disadvantage requirements of the program.

All program offices use the same Form 413. SBA plans to revise and clarify the instructions for the Form 413 to ensure the public will be aware of the specific submission process for each program office. SBA will update the Form 413 to include recent rule and policy updates related to its thresholds for inflation. Lastly, the Form 413 may undergo additional formatting changes to make it easier to address mandatory Federal government 508 accessibility compliance.

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

OMB Control Number: 3245–0188.

(1) Title: Personal Financial Statement.

Description of Respondents: 7(a) and 504 loan Program applicants, Surety Bond Program recovery claimants, Disaster Loan Program business applicants 8(a)/BD and WOSB Program applicants.

Form Number: SBA Form 413.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 251,934.

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 344,174.

Curtis Rich,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20010 and #20011; ILLINOIS Disaster Number IL–20000]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Illinois

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Illinois (FEMA–4749–DR), dated 11/20/2023.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

Incident Period: 09/17/2023 through 09/18/2023.

DATES: Issued on 01/16/2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 02/09/2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/20/2024.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President’s major disaster declaration for the State of Illinois, dated 11/20/2023, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to 02/09/2024.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12310]

Secretary of State’s Determinations Under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 and Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016

Pursuant to section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–292), as amended (the Act), notice is hereby given that, on December 29, 2023, the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has designated each of the following as a “country of particular concern” (CPC) under section 402(b) of the Act, for having engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom: Burma, China, Cuba, Eritrea, Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. The Secretary simultaneously designated the following as satisfying the requirement to take Presidential Action for these CPCs:

For Burma, the existing ongoing restrictions referenced in 22 CFR 126.1, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For the People’s Republic of China, the existing ongoing restriction on exports to China of crime control or detection

instruments or equipment, under the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (Pub. L. 101–246), pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Cuba, the existing ongoing restrictions referenced in 31 CFR 515.201 and the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (Helms-Burton Act), pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the existing ongoing restrictions to which the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is subject, pursuant to sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974 (the Jackson-Vanik Amendment), and pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Eritrea, the existing ongoing restrictions referenced in 22 CFR 126.1, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Iran, the existing ongoing travel restrictions in section 221(c) of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (TRA) for individuals identified under section 221(a)(1)(C) of the TRA in connection with the commission of serious human rights abuses, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Nicaragua, the existing ongoing restrictions referenced in section 5 of the Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act of 2018; (the NICA Act)

For Pakistan, a waiver as required in the “important national interest of the United States,” pursuant to section 407 of the Act;

For Russia, the existing ongoing sanctions issued for individuals identified pursuant to section 404(a)(2) of the Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012 and section 11 of the Support for the Sovereignty, Integrity, Democracy, and Economic Stability of Ukraine Act of 2014, as amended by Section 228 of the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the Act;

For Saudi Arabia, a waiver as required in the “important national interest of the United States,” pursuant to section 407 of the Act;

For Tajikistan, a waiver as required in the “important national interest of the United States,” pursuant to section 407 of the Act; and

For Turkmenistan, a waiver as required in the “important national interest of the United States,” pursuant to section 407 of the Act.

In addition, the Secretary of State has designated the following countries as “special watch list” countries for engaging in or tolerating severe violations of religious freedom: Algeria, Azerbaijan, the Central African Republic, Comoros, and Vietnam.

Pursuant to section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–292), notice is hereby given that, on December 29, 2023, the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has designated each of the following as an “entity of particular concern” under section 301 of the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114–281), for having engaged in particularly severe violations