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

**Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):** Boyd, Carter, Fayette, Greenup, Henry, Jefferson, Jessamine, Mason, Oldham, Union, Whitley.

**Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):**

Kentucky: Bell, Bourbon, Bracken, Bullitt, Carroll, Clark, Crittenden, Elliott, Fleming, Franklin, Garrard, Hardin, Henderson, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lewis, Madison, McCreary, Mercer, Owen, Robertson, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Webster, Woodford

Illinois: Gallatin, Hardin

Indiana: Harrison, Posey, Floyd, Clark

Ohio: Lawrence, Scioto, Adams, Brown

Tennessee: Claiborne, Campbell

West Virginia: Wayne

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<b>For Physical Damage:</b>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.375
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.688
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.250
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.250
<b>For Economic Injury:</b>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.250

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 20351B and for economic injury is 203520.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

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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 July 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Donna Fudge, [donna.fudge@sba.gov](mailto:donna.fudge@sba.gov), (202) 205-6363, Office of Policy Planning and Liaison, Small Business Administration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Fudge, [donna.fudge@sba.gov](mailto:donna.fudge@sba.gov), (202) 205-6363, Office of Policy Planning and Liaison, Small Business Administration. Curtis B. Rich, Agency Clearance Officer [curtis.rich@sba.gov](mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov) 202-205-7030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SBA is considering revising its information collections for various certification programs to streamline the certification process for those programs. In particular, SBA seeks to make the programs more uniform so that small businesses applying for multiple certifications face a common standard of review where possible. The certification programs affected are the 8(a) Business Development (BD) program, the women-owned small business program, the veteran-owned small business program, and the HUBZone program.

**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:** 3245-0374.

(1) **Title:** Certification for the Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program.

**Description of Respondents:** This information is collected from firms that are seeking to be certified for the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Contracting Program and from Third-Party Certifiers that are approved to provide certifications acceptable to SBA. SBA will use the information to certify firms. Third-party certifiers will use the information to assess applicants' eligibility and make determinations regarding certification.

**Form Number:** SBA Form 2413—Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Certification—WOSBs, SBA Form 2414—Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Certification—EDWOSBs.

**Total Estimated Annual Responses:** 12,347.

**Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:** 37,041.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

Agency Clearance Officer.

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### Summary of Information Collection

*PRA Number:* 3245–0393.

*(1) Title:* Mentor Protégé Program.

*Description of Respondents:* Based on authorities provided in the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, the Small Business Administration operated a Government-wide mentor-protégé program for small business concerns, including concerns in SBA's socioeconomic contracting programs. This information collection will facilitate implementation and administration of the mentor-protégé program.

*Form Number:* SBA Form 2459—Mentor Protégé Agreement, SBA Form 2460—Mentor Protégé Benefits Report.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 8,000.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 8,000.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and OMB procedures, SBA is publishing this notice to allow all interested member of the public an

additional 30 days to provide comments on the proposed collection of information.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before July 1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for this information collection request should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Small Business Administration”; “Currently Under Review,” then select the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. This information collection can be identified by title and/or OMB Control Number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain a copy of the information collection and supporting documents from the Agency Clearance Office at [Curtis.Rich@sba.gov](mailto:Curtis.Rich@sba.gov); (202) 205–7030, or from [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a request for the extension with changes to a currently approved collection (previous OMB number: 3245–0392). Through the RIC Initiative, the 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, partner organizations, ESOs, and other stakeholders in the regions. This information collection is necessary for the SBA to understand the progress of the RIC Initiative towards 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 fourteen 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-term 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, partner 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, partner organizations 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 Initiative participation. Small businesses and partner organizations will also be interviewed once a year to obtain information on barriers, facilitators, and other local influences on cluster and ecosystem engagement, best practices to facilitate innovation, and suggestions for potential cluster improvements (among other topics). The cluster administrators will be asked to provide participant rosters, which provide the framework for the surveys that the small businesses and partner organizations are sent. The administrator survey requests information about the services they