

Progress Reports (EPA Form 5300–26) twice annually throughout the lifetime of the project, Final Progress Report (EPA Form 5300–26) within 120 calendar days after the period of performance end date, and the IT Component and Project Registration Form, at the time of grant close-out. The information gathered on items (i) and (ii) help EPA to ensure that projects are on schedule to meet identified project goals and produce high quality environmental outputs. The registration form (item iii) provides a detailed summary of the completed project and any developed/reused IT components; this information is made available to future applicants to inform the development of their proposed projects, promote the reuse of technologies, and connect to potential project partners and mentors.

Form Numbers: EPA Form 5300–26.

Respondents/affected entities:

Employees of state, tribal, or territorial environmental government offices.

Respondent's obligation to respond:

Required to obtain or retain a benefit (2 CFR part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards).

Estimated number of respondents:

223 (149 semi-annually for the semi-annual progress report form; 38 annually for the IT Component and Project Registration Form, and 38 annually for the Final Progress Report Form).

Frequency of response: EPA assumes that each grant recipient will submit two Semi-Annual Progress Report Forms each year the grant is active. In addition, the grantees will submit the Final Progress Report to RENC no later than 120 days after the grant performance period end date. At this time, the IT Component and Project Registration Form will likewise be submitted.

Total estimated burden: The sum total respondent burden hours are 493. Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

The Semi-Annual Progress Report Form has 1.2 estimated hours per Form and is completed twice a year by an estimated 149 respondents. Therefore, the total annual respondent burden hours for this form are 357.6. The IT Component and Project Registration Form has 2 estimated hours per Form and EPA estimates that 38 will be completed annually. Therefore, the total annual respondent burden hours for this form are 76. The Final Progress Report Form has 1.65 estimated hours per Form and EPA estimates that 38 will be completed annually. Therefore, the total

annual respondent burden hours for this form are 59.4.

Total estimated cost: \$29,530.70 (per year), which includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a slight decrease of 15 (493 hours in 2024 vs 508 hours in 2021) hours in the total estimated respondent burden as compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. The number of open active grants each year was estimated at 149, which matches the 2021 estimate, as the number of new assistance agreements has remained consistent since 2021. Estimates for the Final Progress Reporting Form is also very similar to the 2021 estimate, with only a slight increase in the number of expected closed-out grants (from 36 in 2021 to 38 in 2024). This slight increase reflects an expectation for more EN assistance agreements to close out in the upcoming years, as projects which were initially delayed due to workplace changes associated with COVID–19 are now being completed. The slight decrease in burden hours for respondents can be attributed primarily to the retiring of the Quality Assurance Reporting Form, which was previously required within 90 days of each new assistance agreement. There was a new form added for this ICR, which was not present in the 2021 version. The IT Component and Project Registration Form is a fillable PDF form, that is submitted by the grantee to their Regional Exchange Network Coordinator (RENC) at the time of grant close-out. As this form is due at the time of grant close-out, the estimated number matches the estimated number of Final Progress Reports (38). This new form is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, which is a decrease of 0.6 compared to the retired Quality Assurance Reporting Form.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Information Engagement Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–1162; FR ID 245721]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 18, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–1162.

Title: Closed Captioning of Video Programming Delivered Using Internet Protocol, and Apparatus Closed Caption Requirements.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or Household, Businesses or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, local, or tribal government, Federal Government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,772 respondents; 124,154 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.017–10 hours.

Frequency of Response: One time and on occasion reporting requirements; Recordkeeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory; Required to obtain or retain benefits; Voluntary. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Public Law 111–260, 124 Stat. 2751, and sections 4(i), 4(j), 303, 330(b), 713, and 716 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 303, 330(b), 613, and 617.

Total Annual Burden: 11,465 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$95,700.

Needs and Uses: The Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) directed the Commission to revise its regulations to mandate closed captioning on video programming delivered via Internet Protocol (IP) that was published or exhibited on television with captions after the effective date of the regulations. Accordingly, the Commission requires video programming owners (VPOs) to send program files to video programming distributors and providers (hereinafter VPDs) with required captions, and it requires VPDs to enable the rendering or pass through of all required captions to the end user. The CVAA also directed the Commission to revise its regulations to mandate that all apparatus designed to receive, play back, or record video programming be equipped with built-in closed caption decoder circuitry or capability designed to display closed-captioned video programming, except that apparatus that use a picture screen that is 13 inches or smaller and recording devices must comply only if doing so is achievable. These rules are codified at 47 CFR 79.4 and 79.100–79.104.

In July 2024, the Commission adopted rules requiring manufacturers of covered apparatus and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) to make closed captioning display settings readily accessible to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. The Commission will determine whether settings are readily accessible to consumers by evaluating the following factors: proximity, discoverability, previewability, and consistency and persistence. The compliance deadline will be after the Office of Management and Budget completes its review of any new or modified information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act or August 17, 2026,

whichever is later. The previously approved burden estimates set forth below for requests for a Commission determination of technical feasibility of apparatus closed caption requirements, requests for a Commission determination of achievability of apparatus closed caption requirements, and complaints alleging violations of the apparatus closed caption requirements, all are sufficient to encompass any such filings resulting from the new rule. The *2024 Caption Display Settings Order* imposes two new information collection requirements set forth as (i) and (j) below.

The information collection requirements consist of:

(a) Mechanism for information about video programming subject to the IP closed captioning requirements.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.4(c)(1)(ii) and (c)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules, VPOs and VPDs must agree upon a mechanism to make information available to VPDs about video programming that becomes subject to the requirements of 47 CFR 79.4 on an ongoing basis. VPDs must make a good faith effort to identify video programming that must be captioned when delivered using IP using the agreed upon mechanism.

For example, VPOs and VPDs may agree on a mechanism whereby the VPOs provide captions or certifications that captions are not required, and update those certifications and provide captions when captions later become required. A VPD may rely in good faith on a certification by a VPO that the programming need not be captioned if: (1) the certification includes a clear and concise explanation of why captions are not required; and (2) the VPD is able to produce the certification to the Commission in the event of a complaint. VPOs may provide certifications for specific programming or a more general certification, for example, for all programming covered by a particular contract.

VPDs may seek Commission determinations that other proposed mechanisms provide adequate information for them to rely on in good faith by filing an informal request and providing sufficient information for the Commission to make such determinations.

(b) Contact information for the receipt and handling of written closed captioning complaints.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.4(c)(2)(iii), VPDs must make their contact information available to end users for the receipt and handling of written IP closed captioning complaints. The required contact information includes

the name of a person with primary responsibility for IP captioning issues and who can ensure compliance with these rules, as well as the person's title or office, telephone number, fax number, postal mailing address, and email address. VPDs must keep this information current and update it within 10 business days of any change. The Commission expects that such contact information will be prominently displayed in a way that it is accessible to all end users. A general notice on the VPD's website with such contact information, if provided, must be provided in a location that is conspicuous to viewers.

(c) Petitions for exemption based on economic burden.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.4(d), a VPO or VPD may petition the Commission for a full or partial exemption from the closed captioning requirements for IP-delivered video programming based upon a showing that they would be economically burdensome. Petitions for exemption must be supported with sufficient evidence to demonstrate economic burden (significant difficulty or expense). The Commission will consider four specific factors when determining economic burden and any other factors the petitioner deems relevant, along with any available alternatives that might constitute a reasonable substitute for the closed captioning requirements. Petitions and subsequent pleadings must be filed electronically.

The Commission will place such petitions on public notice. Comments or oppositions to the petition may be filed electronically within 30 days after release of the public notice of the petition, and must include a certification that the petitioner was served with a copy. The petitioner may reply to any comments or oppositions filed within 20 days after the close of the period for filing comments or oppositions, and replies must include a certification that the commenting or opposing party was served with a copy. Upon a finding of good cause, the Commission may lengthen or shorten any comment period and waive or establish other procedural requirements. Petitions and responsive pleadings must include a detailed, full showing, supported by affidavit, of any facts or considerations relied on.

(d) Complaints alleging violations of the closed captioning rules for IP-delivered video programming.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.4(e), a written complaint alleging a violation of the closed captioning rules for IP-delivered video programming may be filed with the Commission or with the VPD

responsible for enabling the rendering or pass through of the closed captions for the video programming. Complaints must be filed within 60 days after the date the complainant experienced a problem with captioning. Complaints should (but are not required to) include certain information.

If the complaint is filed first with the VPD, the VPD must respond in writing to the complainant within 30 days after receipt of a closed captioning complaint. If a VPD fails to respond timely, or the response does not satisfy the consumer, the complainant may re-file the complaint with the Commission within 30 days after the time allotted for the VPD to respond. If a consumer re-files the complaint with the Commission (after filing with the VPD) and the complaint satisfies the requirements, the Commission will forward the complaint to the named VPD, as well as to any other VPD and/or VPO that Commission staff determines may be involved, who then must respond in writing to the Commission and the complainant within 30 days after receipt of the complaint from the Commission.

If the complaint is filed first with the Commission and the complaint satisfies the requirements, the Commission will forward the complaint to the named VPD and/or VPO, and to any other VPD and/or VPO that Commission staff determine may be involved, who must respond in writing to the Commission and the complainant within 30 days after receipt of the complaint from the Commission. In response to a complaint, a VPD and/or VPO must provide the Commission with sufficient records and documentation. The Commission will review all relevant information provided by the complainant and the subject VPDs and/or VPOs, as well as any additional information the Commission deems relevant from its files or public sources. The Commission may request additional information from any relevant entities when, in the estimation of Commission staff, such information is needed to investigate the complaint or adjudicate potential violation(s) of Commission rules. When the Commission requests additional information, parties to which such requests are addressed must provide the requested information in the manner and within the time period the Commission specifies.

(e) Requests for Commission determination of technical feasibility of apparatus closed caption requirements.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.103(a), as of January 1, 2014, all digital apparatus designed to receive or play back video programming that uses a picture screen

of any size must be equipped with built-in closed caption decoder circuitry or capability designed to display closed-captioned video programming, if technically feasible. Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.103(e), manufacturers of apparatus subject to paragraph (a) of the rule and MVPDs will be required to ensure that consumers are able to readily access user display settings for closed captioning on apparatus designed to receive or play back video programming transmitted simultaneously with sound, if such apparatus is manufactured in the United States and uses a picture screen of any size, if technically feasible. If new apparatus or classes of apparatus for viewing video programming emerge on which it would not be technically feasible to include closed captioning or readily accessible user display settings for closed captioning, parties may raise that argument as a defense to a complaint or, alternatively, file a request under 47 CFR 1.41 for a Commission determination of technical feasibility before manufacturing or importing the product.

(f) Requests for Commission determination of achievability of apparatus closed caption requirements.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.103(a), as of January 1, 2014, all digital apparatus designed to receive or play back video programming that use a picture screen less than 13 inches in size must be equipped with built-in closed caption decoder circuitry or capability designed to display closed-captioned video programming, only if doing so is achievable. In addition, pursuant to 47 CFR 79.104(a), as of January 1, 2014, all apparatus designed to record video programming must enable the rendering or the pass through of closed captions such that viewers are able to activate and de-activate the closed captions as the video programming is played back, only if doing so is achievable. Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.103(e), the requirement that closed captioning display settings are readily accessible will only apply to apparatus that use a picture screen of less than 13 inches in size if compliance is achievable.

Manufacturers of such apparatus and MVPDs may petition the Commission, pursuant to 47 CFR 1.41, for a full or partial exemption from the closed captioning requirements before manufacturing or importing the apparatus or may assert as a response to a complaint that these requirements, in full or in part, are not achievable.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.103(b)(3), such a petition or response must be supported with sufficient evidence to demonstrate that compliance is not achievable

(meaning with reasonable effort or expense) and the Commission will consider four specific factors when making such determinations.

(g) Petitions for purpose-based waivers of apparatus closed caption requirements.

Manufacturers seeking certainty prior to the sale of a device may petition the Commission, pursuant to 47 CFR 79.103(b)(4), for a full or partial waiver of the closed captioning requirements based on one of the following provisions:

(i) The apparatus is primarily designed for activities other than receiving or playing back video programming transmitted simultaneously with sound; or

(ii) The apparatus is designed for multiple purposes, capable of receiving or playing back video programming transmitted simultaneously with sound but whose essential utility is derived from other purposes.

(h) Complaints alleging violations of the apparatus closed caption requirements.

Consumers may file written complaints alleging violations of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 79.101–79.104, requiring apparatus designed to receive, play back, or record video programming to be equipped with built-in closed caption decoder circuitry or capability designed to display closed captions, and requiring that consumers are able to readily access user display settings for closed captioning on covered apparatus. A written complaint filed with the Commission must be transmitted to the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau through the Commission's online informal complaint filing system, U.S. Mail, overnight delivery, or facsimile. Such complaints should include certain information about the complainant and the alleged violation. The Commission may forward such complaints to the named manufacturer or provider, as well as to any other entity that Commission staff determines may be involved, and may request additional information from any relevant parties when, in the estimation of Commission staff, such information is needed to investigate the complaint or adjudicate potential violations of Commission rules.

(i) Application programming interface (API) notification to application developers.

Pursuant to 47 CFR 79.103(e)(1)(iv)(A), with regard to an MVPD's provision of navigation devices, it will be required to expose closed caption display settings via an API or similar method that an over-the-top

application provider can use upon launch of their application on the device. The API or similar method will need to enable the application provider to use the device-level caption settings for its own content, if it chooses, and covered entities will be required to notify application developers about this API or similar method through any reasonable means. One example of a “reasonable means” for the required notice is a developer portal that a developer must utilize for its application to appear on the device.

(j) Customer notice of new operating systems.

The *2024 Caption Display Settings Order* provides that MVPDs should provide notice to customers who are deaf or hard of hearing when new operating systems are deployed.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11:44 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

PLACE: The meeting was held in the Board Room located on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met to consider matters related to the Corporation’s resolution, supervision, and corporate activities. In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Rohit Chopra (Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), seconded by Director Michael J. Hsu (Acting Comptroller of the Currency), by the unanimous vote of Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman Travis Hill, Director Jonathan McKernan, Director Michael J. Hsu (Acting Comptroller of the Currency), and Director Rohit Chopra (Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters which were to be the subject of this meeting on less than seven days’ notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of

subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A), (c)(9)(B), (c)(10), of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A), (c)(9)(B), (c)(10)).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Debra A. Decker, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at 202–898–8748.

Dated this the 17th day of September, 2024.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James P. Sheesley,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

ACTION: Notice of Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) is issuing this notice to inform the public of the names of the members of the Agency’s Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board.

DATES: This SES Performance Review Board is effective September 19, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Davis, General Counsel, 202–606–3737, ogc@fmcs.gov, 250 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20427.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c)(1) through (5) of title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more performance review boards. The board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive’s performance by the supervisor, along with any recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The members of FMCS’s Performance Review Board are:

1. Adrienne Adger, Human Resource Director (Chair and non-voting member), Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
2. Javier Ramirez, Deputy Director, Field Operations, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
3. Marla Hendrickson, External Career SES member, Food and Drug Administration
4. Sarah Cudahy, Associate Deputy Director, Field Operations National/

International, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
5. Nicole Wallace, Director of Finance, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

Dated: September 13, 2024.

Anna Davis,

General Counsel.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0007; Docket No. 2024–0001; Sequence No. 7]

Submission for OMB Review; General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Contractor Qualifications and Financial Information, GSA Form 527

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, GSA invites the public to comment on a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding contractor qualifications and financial information.

DATES: *Submit comments on or before:* October 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bryon Boyer, Procurement Analyst, at gsarpolicy@gsa.gov or 817–850–5580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

GSA requires prospective contractors to submit certain financial information in order for a contracting officer to make a determination that such prospective contractors are financially responsible for an award, in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 9.103(a) and 9.104–1 and also the General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) 509.105–1(a). GSA Form 527, Contractor’s Qualifications and Financial Information is used to achieve