

Solicitation of Public Comments

Comments may be submitted 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 Collections

Title: Women’s Participation in Incubators and Acceleration.
Description of Respondents: Women business owners and Women’s business incubation and acceleration programs.
Form Number: N/A.
Estimated Annual Respondents: 500
Estimated Annual Responses: 122.5.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 122.5.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #14220 and #14221]

Vermont Disaster #VT-00031

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 Vermont (FEMA—4207—DR), dated 02/03/2015.

Incident: Severe winter storm.
Incident Period: 12/09/2014 through 12/12/2014.
Effective Date: 02/03/2015.
Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/06/2015.
Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/03/2015.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President’s major disaster declaration on 02/03/2015, private non-profit organizations that provide essential

services of 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: Addison, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windsor.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14220B and for economic injury is 14221B.

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James E. Rivera,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Announcement of 2015 InnovateHER: Innovating for Women Business Challenge

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is conducting a Challenge, called InnovateHER, pursuant to the America Competes Act for entrepreneurs to create a product or service that has a measurable impact on the lives of women and families, has the potential for commercialization, and fills a need in the marketplace.

DATES: The initial round of the InnovateHER Challenge will take the form of local competitions that will be run across the country beginning March 1, 2015 and ending no later than March 31, 2015. The host organizations running the local competitions must select and submit one winner from each local competition to SBA, along with a Nomination package, no later than April 1, 2015. Winners will be announced no later than May 8, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Wager, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., 6th Floor Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-7430, *womenbusiness@sba.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Subject of Challenge Competition:* The SBA is looking for innovative products and services that help impact and empower the lives of women and families. We know that our workforce looks very different from 50 years ago. Women now make up nearly half of the labor force and play a critical role in our nation’s economic prosperity. Most children live in households where all parents work. And as our population ages, families are increasingly caring for aging parents while balancing the needs of work and home. As the demands on women and families grow, the need for products and services that address these unique challenges increases. This challenge will provide a platform to fulfill that need.

Contestants must develop a product or service that meets the following competition criteria:

- Has a measurable impact on the lives of women and families (30%);
- Has the potential for commercialization (40%); and
- Fills a need in the marketplace (30%).

2. *Eligibility Rules for Participating in the Competition:* This Challenge is open only to: (1) Citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of their submission of an entry (or teams of such individuals); and (2) private entities, such as corporations or other organizations, that are incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States. Individuals submitting on behalf of corporations, nonprofits, or groups of individuals (such as an academic class or other team) must meet the eligibility requirements for individual contestants. An individual may belong to more than one team submitting an entry in this Challenge. SBA employees are not eligible, nor are Federal entities or Federal employees acting within the scope of their employment. Individuals or organizations that are currently suspended or barred by the federal government are not eligible for this competition.

3. *Registration Process for Participants:* The initial round of the Challenge will take the form of local competitions that will be run across the country during the month of March 2015 by host organizations such as universities, accelerators, clusters, scale-