

take this opportunity to comment on a proposed extension of an existing information collection: The standardized Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before May 8, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov).

Include "0690-0032 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Jennifer Jessup, Departmental PRA Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the Office of Policy and Governance, Paperwork Reduction Act Compliance, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, or via email to [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The development of the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) resulted from an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM), an Interagency Working Group of the Social, Behavioral & Economic Research, Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). One of the RBM Subcommittee's priority areas was to create greater consistency in the administration of Federal research awards. Given the increasing complexity of interdisciplinary and interagency research, it is important for Federal agencies to manage awards in a similar fashion. The RPPR is an OMB approved uniform format to be used by Federal agencies in submission of progress reports that support research and research-related activities. It is intended to replace other performance reporting formats currently in use by Federal agencies. However, the RPPR does not change the performance reporting requirements specified in 2 CFR 200.

The Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) directly benefits award recipients by making it easier for them to administer Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs through standardization of the types of information required in performance reports—thereby reducing their administrative effort and costs. The RPPR also will make it easier to compare the outputs, outcomes, etc. of research and research-related programs across the government.

The RPPR is intended to address progress for the most recently completed period, at the frequency required or designated by the sponsoring agency. Information, once reported, does not have to be provided again on subsequent reports. The RPPR requests various types of information, regarding: accomplishments, products, participants and other collaborating organizations, impact, changes/problems, budgetary information and outcomes.

**II. Method of Collection**

A paper format, email, and electronic submission.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0690-0032.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,550.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12,750.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* The Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107), and 2 CFR Section 200.328.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[02/15/2018 through 02/28/2018]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
CoorsTek Medical, LLC .....	560 West Golf Course Road, Provo, UT 84332.	2/22/2018	The firm manufactures medical devices.
LPF High Performance Coatings, LLC.	3030 Wilson Avenue, Leavenworth, KS 66048.	2/23/2018	The firm manufactures custom powder coatings made from plastic resins, pigments, and flow agents.
Air Comm Corporation, LLC .....	1575 West 124th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80234.	2/27/2018	The firm manufactures air conditioning and heating systems for aircraft.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Telecommunications and Information Administration**

**First Responder Network Authority**

**First Responder Network Authority Combined Committee and Board Meeting**

**AGENCY:** First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting of the First Responder Network Authority Board.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (Board) will convene an open public meeting of the Board and the Board Committees on March 15, 2018.

**DATES:** A joint meeting of the four FirstNet Board Committees and the

FirstNet Board will be held on March 15, 2018, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (CDT). The meeting of the FirstNet Board and the Governance and Personnel, Technology, Consultation and Outreach, and Finance Committees will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (CDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting on March 15, 2018 will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Little Rock Downtown, 322 Rock St, Little Rock, AR 72202. Members of the public may listen to the meeting by dialing toll free 1-888-677-5734 and entering participant code 1277627#.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Miller-Kuwana, Board Secretary, FirstNet, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243, Reston, VA 20192; telephone: (571) 665-6177; email: [Karen.Miller-Kuwana@firstnet.gov](mailto:Karen.Miller-Kuwana@firstnet.gov). Please direct media inquiries to Ryan Oremland at (571) 665-6186.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the FirstNet Board and the Board Committees will convene an open public meeting on March 15, 2018.

**Background:** The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-96, Title VI, 126 Stat. 256 (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*)) (Act) established FirstNet as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration that is headed by a Board. The Act directs FirstNet to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet's operations. The FirstNet Board held its first public meeting on September 25, 2012.

**Matters to be Considered:** FirstNet will post a detailed agenda for the Combined Board Committees and Board Meeting on its website, <http://www.firstnet.gov>, prior to the meetings. The agenda topics are subject to change. Please note that the subjects that will be

discussed by the Committees and the Board may involve commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential or other legal matters affecting FirstNet. As such, the Committee Chairs and Board Chair may call for a vote to close the meetings only for the time necessary to preserve the confidentiality of such information, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

**Times and Dates of Meeting:** A combined meeting of the FirstNet Board and FirstNet Board Committees will be held on March 15, 2018 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (CDT). The meeting of the FirstNet Board and the Governance and Personnel, Technology, Consultation and Outreach, and Finance Committees will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (CDT). The times listed above are subject to change. Please refer to FirstNet's website at [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov) for the most up-to-date information.

**Place:** The meetings on March 15, 2018 will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Little Rock Downtown, 322 Rock St, Little Rock, AR 72202. Members of the public may listen to the meeting by dialing toll free 1-888-677-5734 and entering participant code 1277627#.

**Other Information:** These meetings are open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. To ensure an accurate headcount, all expected attendees are asked to provide notice of intent to attend by sending an email to [BoardRSVP@firstnet.gov](mailto:BoardRSVP@firstnet.gov). If the number of RSVPs indicates that expected attendance has reached its capacity, FirstNet will respond to all subsequent notices indicating that capacity has been reached and that in-person viewing may no longer be available but that the meeting may still be viewed by webcast as detailed below. For access to the meetings, valid government issued photo identification may be requested for security reasons.

The Combined Committee and Board Meetings are accessible to people with