

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 publishing this notice to comply with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), which requires agencies to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public of that submission.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 21, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the information collection by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: *Agency Clearance Officer*, Curtis Rich, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and *SBA Desk Officer*, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curtis Rich, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7030 curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested information is submitted by small businesses or not-for-profit organizations who seek federal financial assistance (loans) to help in their recovery from declared disaster. SBA uses the information to determine the eligibility and creditworthiness of these loan applicants.

Copies

A copy of the Form OMB 83-1, supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

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: Disaster Business Application.
Description of Respondents: Disaster Recovery Victims.

Form Number: SBA Forms 5 & 1368.
Estimated Annual Respondents: 6,608.
Estimated Annual Responses: 6,608.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 15,414.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Information Collection; Subcontractor Past Performance Pilot Program**

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval for the collection of information described below from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 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: June 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments or request for a copy of the proposed forms to Donna Fudge, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, 409 3rd Street SW, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Fudge, Procurement Analyst, 202-205-6363, donna.fudge@sba.gov, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2017 (Pub. L. 114-328), Section 1822, added paragraph 8(d)(17) to the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(17), to provide that SBA shall implement a pilot program to establish past performance ratings for small business subcontractors. Under this program, a small business concern without a past performance rating as a prime contractor in the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) may request a past performance rating in the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS), if the small business is a first tier subcontractor under a covered

Federal Government contract requiring a subcontracting plan in accordance with FAR 19.702(a). Ratings of subcontractor performance can be requested on subcontracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, or subcontracts for architecture-engineering services valued at \$35,000 or more as provided in FAR 42.1502.

Past performance information is one indicator of an offeror's ability to successfully perform the contract and is often considered by agencies when making contract awards. Allowing small business concerns performing as first tier subcontractors to voluntarily request a past performance evaluation, in the same system used by the Federal Government to monitor or record contractor past performance for prime contract awards, provides an enhanced opportunity for more small businesses to fairly compete for Federal Government contracting opportunities.

B. Summary of Pilot and Information to be Collected

(1) Application—In order to obtain a past performance rating, the small business concern will submit a request using SBA Form 2465. The information to be provided includes, but is not limited to, Subcontractor name and DUNS + 4 Number; subcontract number; completion date; total dollar value, and suggested rating for each factor. The small business concern will complete the applicable portion of the form and submit it, electronically, along with written evidence of the past performance factors to the appropriate official to the SPPP@sba.gov mailbox within 270 calendar days after completing the work for which a past performance rating is sought or within 180 calendar days after the prime contractor completes work on the contract, whichever is earlier.

(2) Determination—The appropriate official shall submit the small business concern's application electronically to the requiring agency's Office of Small Business Utilization (OSDBU) and the prime contractor for the covered contract for review. The Prime Contractor and OSDBU shall, within 30 calendar days after receipt of the application, electronically submit to the appropriate official a response regarding the application.

(3) Agreement on Rating—If the OSDBU and the prime contractor agree on a past performance rating, or if either the OSDBU or prime contractor fail to respond and the responding person agrees with the rating of the applicant small business concern, the appropriate official shall enter the agreed-upon past performance rating in CPARS.