

Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, LBJ, Room 4C210, Washington, DC 20202–1200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, 202–245–6347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: School Pulse Panel 2025–26 (SPP 2025–26) Preliminary Field Activities.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0975.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 6,339.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,525.

Abstract: The School Pulse Panel (SPP) is a data collection that was originally designed to collect voluntary responses from a nationally representative sample of public schools to better understand how schools, students, and educators were responding to the ongoing stressors of the coronavirus pandemic. The School Pulse Panel is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), within the

United States Department of Education. Initially, the purpose of the study was to collect extensive data on issues brought to light by the COVID–19 pandemic, as well as other important education-related issues that could inform data-driven policy decisions, in U.S. public schools. Due to the immediate need to collect pandemic-era information from schools as described in Executive Order 14000, an emergency clearance was issued to develop and field the first several monthly collections of the SPP in 2021 and a full review of the SPP data collection was performed in 2022 (OMB# 1850–0969). SPPs innovative design and timely dissemination of findings have been used and cited frequently among Department of Education senior leadership, the White House Domestic Policy Council, the USDAs Food and Nutrition Service, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Congressional deliberations, and the media. The growing interest from stakeholders resulted in a request for funding to create an established NCES quick-turnaround data collection vehicle to become a mainstay for NCES. Funding for a mainstay collection was approved in late 2022, and NCES conducted a new collection during the 2023–24 school year (OMB# 1850–0975).

The School Pulse Panel study is one of the few reliable, nationally representative, quick-turnaround studies that produces data on U.S. public schools. The sample design for the 2025–26 collection will roughly be the same as the 2024–25 collection with 4,000 public schools randomly selected to an initial sample and 4,000 in a reserve sample. It is expected these schools will come from roughly 3,000 districts. The goal is national representation from about 1,200 responding schools each month in order to report out national estimates. School staff will be asked to provide requested data monthly during the 2025–26 school year. This approach provides the ability to collect detailed information on various topics while also assessing changes over time for items that are repeated from year to year. Given the demand for data collection, the content of the survey is expected to change monthly. For the 2025–26 school year, the survey may ask school staff about a wide range of topics, including but not limited to staffing; learning recovery; absenteeism; usage of federal funds; and overall principal experiences.

This package includes preliminary activities, including contacting and obtaining research approvals from public school districts with an

established research approval process (special contact districts) where applicable; notifying sampled schools and districts of their selection for the survey; and inviting them to complete a short Screener Survey to establish points of contact. In spring of 2025, a clearance for main study data collection activities that will include instruments for the first quarter of collections will be submitted for 60-day and 30-day public comment. Subsequent quarterly content submissions will be submitted for 30-day public comment.

This request is to conduct the SPP 2025–26 preliminary activities. Substantial edits and additional materials may be added to this package after the 60-day public comment period is complete, in time for the subsequent 30-day public comment period that will begin Fall 2024. Materials for SPP are cleared under two OMB Number sequences. Materials for SPP 2022 and SPP 2024–25 were cleared under OMB# 1850–0969, while SPP 2023–24 and now SPP 2025–26 are cleared under OMB# 1850–0975.

Dated: August 13, 2024.

Stephanie Valentine,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Request for Information Regarding Interregional and Offshore Wind Transmission

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides funding to the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) to support convening relevant stakeholders to address the development of interregional electricity transmission and transmission of electricity that is generated by offshore wind, and to conduct planning, modeling, and analysis regarding interregional electricity transmission and transmission of electricity generated by offshore wind. Transmission development is an important priority to address reliability issues within the national electrical grid and to improve the flow of new energy generation, including offshore wind, both between regions and within regions to meet national clean energy goals. The U.S.

Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Deployment Office (GDO) is issuing this RFI to seek input from all parties regarding issues related to the planning and development of electric transmission facilities to service offshore wind power generating stations on the U.S. West Coast.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested on or before October 3, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit comments to OSWTransmission@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information may be sent to OSWTransmission@hq.doe.gov. Questions about the RFI may be addressed to Katherine Segal, (301) 820-2892; OSWTransmission@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On August 16, 2022, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).¹ The IRA makes the single largest investment in climate and energy in American history, enabling America to tackle the climate crisis and putting the United States on a pathway to achieving the Biden-Harris Administration's climate goals, including a net-zero economy by 2050. Within section 50153, the IRA provides funding for the Department to support convening "relevant stakeholders to address the development of interregional electricity transmission and transmission of electricity that is generated by offshore wind," and to "conduct planning, modeling, and analysis regarding interregional electricity transmission and transmission of electricity generated by offshore wind."²

II. Purpose

The purpose of this RFI is to gather information about siting offshore wind electricity transmission infrastructure from recreational and commercial ocean users, offshore wind or maritime industries, government entities (Tribal, Federal, State, county, or local government agencies), and the public. As part of this RFI, DOE is primarily interested in feedback on the transmission infrastructure associated with offshore wind and not the offshore wind generation turbines themselves. Transmission infrastructure includes electrical cables, cable corridors, substations, transformers, converters,

and other associated equipment located both offshore and onshore.

Information provided as part of this RFI will be used by GDO and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), U.S. Department of the Interior, as part of the West Coast Offshore Wind Transmission Convening Series. Feedback gathered through this RFI, and the Convening Series will support GDO and BOEM in the development of West Coast offshore wind transmission recommendations. These recommendations will not include any regulatory actions or siting decisions. For examples of the types of recommendations that DOE and BOEM might develop for the West Coast, please see *An Action Plan for Offshore Wind Transmission Development in the U.S. Atlantic Region* (www.energy.gov/gdo/atlantic-offshore-wind-transmission-action-plan).

III. Request for Information

Planning and siting transmission infrastructure for offshore wind energy involves several authorities (e.g., BOEM, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), independent system operators and regional transmission organizations, public utility commissions, State departments of energy, State departments of fish and wildlife, etc.) tasked with planning, locating, designing, and approving new or upgraded electric transmission facilities. Transmission associated with offshore wind energy generation will need to be sited both offshore and onshore. Understanding the constraints related to the shared use of new or existing transmission rights-of-way will allow transmission planning entities and siting authorities to make decisions using the best available information and science. DOE is considering recommendations to support planning entities and siting authorities in the decision-making process. In particular, DOE seeks to understand transmission siting constraints both offshore and onshore, environmental and energy justice priorities, community impacts, information gaps, and technical assistance needs through the following questions:

1. What considerations need to be accounted for when siting transmission for offshore wind energy generation in offshore locations on the West Coast?
 - a. For the considerations identified, what information is currently available?
 - b. For the considerations identified, do any lack existing data sources to rely on? If no data sources are available, are there existing methods to collect, survey, or otherwise measure the characteristics?

2. What considerations need to be accounted for when siting transmission for offshore wind energy generation in onshore locations on the West Coast?

- a. For the considerations identified, what information is currently available?
 - b. For the considerations identified, do any lack existing data sources to rely on? If no data sources are available, are there existing methods to collect, survey, or otherwise measure the characteristics?

3. What environmental justice and energy justice issues should inform how transmission is sited and implemented on the West Coast for offshore wind?

4. What specific topics about offshore wind transmission siting, technology, and benefits are not well understood by yourself or your organization?

- a. What types of educational materials or research products, if any, would improve your understanding and awareness of these topics?

- b. What format should these resources be distributed in (e.g., written, webinar, meetings, website content, technical report, etc.)?

- c. How should information from ocean co-users³ be integrated into educational materials or research products?

- d. What specific data or information can be provided by ocean co-users for the purpose of filling knowledge gaps? How should information from ocean co-users be disseminated or shared?

5. What forms of assistance (technical assistance or otherwise) would support efficient and equitable siting and development of offshore wind transmission infrastructure?

6. Do you have any additional information or thoughts you want to provide about transmission infrastructure related to offshore wind energy?

IV. Response Guidelines

Responses to the RFI must be provided in writing and submitted electronically to OSWTransmission@hq.doe.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on October 3, 2024. Include "RFI for Offshore Wind Transmission" in the subject line of the email. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) or PDF attachment to the email, and no more than 10 pages in length, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (i.e., zipped) to ensure message delivery. Please do not feel obligated to submit long, formal responses. If you or your

¹ Inflation Reduction Act, Public Law 117-169 (August 16, 2022).

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³ Ocean co-users include, but are not limited to, fishing organizations, maritime shipping industry, or other commercial and recreational ocean users.

organization are resource-constrained (time, staff, etc.) and only have the capacity to share short or informal notes or thoughts, DOE still wants to hear from you.

For ease of replying and to aid categorization of your responses, please copy and paste the RFI questions, including the question numbering, and use them as a template for your response. Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as they wish. DOE will not respond to individual submissions. A response to this RFI will not be viewed as a binding commitment to develop or pursue the project or ideas discussed.

Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the start of their response to this RFI:

- Company/institution/agency/person name.
- Company/institution/agency/person contact information.

This RFI is solely a request for information and is not a grant announcement. DOE is not accepting applications, nor will DOE reimburse any of respondents' costs in preparing a response. Any information obtained as a result of this RFI is intended to be used by the Federal Government on a non-attribution basis for planning and strategy development; this RFI does not constitute a formal announcement for applications or abstracts. Your response to this notice will be treated as information only. DOE will review and consider all responses in its formulation of program strategies for the identified materials of interest that are the subject of this request. Respondents are advised that DOE is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted under this RFI. Responses to this RFI do not bind DOE to any further actions related to these topics.

Sensitive Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Information

The intent of this RFI is not to solicit any sensitive information about cultural, traditional, sacred resources, or Traditional Indigenous Knowledge that is not already in the public domain. Therefore, respondents are strongly advised NOT to include any sensitive information about cultural, traditional, or sacred resources or Traditional Indigenous Knowledge that respondents would not want publicly released. Tribal Nations should be aware that responses to this RFI can be subject to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request and may result in the disclosure of information to the public. If a Tribal

Nation chooses to provide information that the Tribal Nation believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure, the Tribal Nation should submit via email two well marked copies: one marked "information exempt from disclosure" and one marked "information subject to disclosure" as described in the section below. If a Tribal Nation wants to discuss, among other topics related to this RFI, concerns about sensitive resources, the Tribal Nation is encouraged to request tribal consultation. Tribal Nations can find an explanation on the scope of Federal agencies' authorities to limit the disclosure of information about Tribal resources to the public on pages 25 to 29 of the "Best Practices Guide for Federal Agencies Regarding Tribal and Native Hawaiian Sacred Sites."⁴

Confidential Business Information

Because information received in response to this RFI may be used to inform future programs and/or otherwise be made available to the public, respondents are strongly advised NOT to include any information in their responses that might be considered confidential business information pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11.

Any person submitting information believed to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email two well marked copies: one copy of the document marked "Confidential Information" including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked "Non-Confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination. The copy containing confidential information must include a cover sheet marked as follows: identifying the specific pages containing confidential, proprietary, or privileged information: "Notice of Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Data: Pages [list applicable pages] of this response may contain confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure." The Government may use or disclose any information that is not appropriately marked or otherwise restricted, regardless of source. In addition, (1) the header and footer of every page that contains confidential, proprietary, or privileged information must be marked as follows: "Contains Confidential,

⁴ https://www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/sacred_sites_guide_508_2023-1205.pdf.

Commercial, or Financial Information Exempt from Public Disclosure"; and (2) every line and paragraph containing proprietary, privileged, or trade secret information must be clearly marked with [[double brackets]] or highlighting.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 7, 2024, by Maria D. Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. The administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 13, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE/National Science Foundation Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person meeting of the DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, September 12, 2024; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 468-1100.

Information to participate virtually can be found on the NSAC website closer to the meeting at: <https://science.osti.gov/np/nsac/meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda L. May, Committee Manager, NSAC, (301) 903-0536, Email: Brenda.May@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and