used to determine entitlement to and the amount of the annuity applied for.

*Changes Proposed:*Non-burden impacting editorial changes intended to provide clarification and specificity to several current responses as well as the deletion of several items that are no longer needed are proposed to Form AA–1. Non-burden impacting clarifying editorial changes are proposed to Form AA–1(cert). No changes are proposed to Form(s) AA–1d and G–204.

The burden estimate for this ICR is proposed as follows:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 14,120.

Total annual responses: 17,825.

Total annual reporting hours: 9,271.

2. *Title and Purpose of Information Collection:*

Voluntary Customer Surveys in Accordance With E.O 12862; 3220–0192

In accordance with Executive Order 12862, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) conducts a number of customer surveys designed to determine the kinds and quality of services our beneficiaries, claimants, employers and members of the public want and expect, as well as their satisfaction with existing RRB services. The information collected is used by RRB management to monitor customer satisfaction by determining to what extent services are satisfactory and where and to what extent services can be improved. The surveys are limited to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions, and do not collect information which is required or regulated. The information collection, which was first approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 1997, provides the RRB with a *generic clearance authority.* This generic authority allows the RRB to submit a variety of new or revised customer survey instruments (needed to timely implement customer monitoring activities) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for expedited review and approval. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Voluntary Customer Surveys in Accordance with E.O. 12862.

OMB Control Number 3220–0192.

Form(s) submitted: G–201, Customer Assessment Survey.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or households, Business-or-other-for profit.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.

Abstract: The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) utilizes voluntary customer surveys to ascertain customer satisfaction with the RRB in terms of timeliness, appropriateness, access, and other measures of quality service. Surveys involve individuals that are direct or indirect beneficiaries of RRB services as well as railroad employers who must report earnings.

Changes Proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to the information collection.

The burden estimate for this ICR is unchanged as follows:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1,750.

Total annual responses: 1,750.

Total annual reporting hours: 735.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer at (312–751–3363) or *Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov*.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Patricia A. Henaghan, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092 or *Patricia.Henaghan@rrb.gov* and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Charles Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12070 and #12071]

Oklahoma Disaster Number OK–00035

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Oklahoma (FEMA–1883–DR), dated 03/05/2010.

Incident: Severe Winter Storm.

Incident Period: 01/28/2010 through 01/30/2010.

Effective Date: 03/22/2010.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/04/2010.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/06/2010.

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: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Oklahoma, dated 03/05/2010, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties: Beaver, Beckham, Blaine, Canadian, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Custer, Garvin, Grant, Lincoln, Logan, Major, Mayes, Murray, Nowata, Okfuskee, Ottawa, Pawnee, Rogers, Sequoyah, Texas, Wagoner, Washington.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12051 and #12052]

Oklahoma Disaster Number OK–00034

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Oklahoma (FEMA–1876–DR), dated 02/25/2010.

Incident: Severe Winter Storm.

Incident Period: 12/24/2009 through 12/25/2009.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 03/22/2010.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/26/2010.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/25/2010.

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: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Oklahoma, dated 02/25/2010, is hereby amended to include the following areas as

adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties: Alfalfa, Beckham, Bryan, Caddo, Carter, Cherokee, Creek, Dewey, Greer, Harmon, Haskell, Kiowa, Le Flore, Logan, Mayes, Mccurtain, Mcintosh, Osage, Pawnee, Pittsburg, Roger Mills, Seminole, Wagoner, Washington, Washita.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

RIN 3244–AF61

Small Business Innovation Research Program Policy Directive

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Final Amendments to Policy Directive.

SUMMARY: This document announces a final amendment to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Policy Directive (PD). This amendment adjusts the SBIR Program award threshold amounts to offset the effect of inflation. This document also considers the public comments received in response to SBA's Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Policy Directive, which was published in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 2008.

DATES: This amendment is effective on March 30, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edsel M. Brown, Jr., Assistant Director, Office of Technology, SBA, at (202) 205–7343. You may also email questions to *technology@sba.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 15, 2008, SBA published in the **Federal Register** proposed amendments to the SBIR Program PD to raise the SBIR Phase I award threshold amount from $100,000 to $150,000, and the Phase II award threshold amount from $750,000 to $1,000,000 (FR 48004). Congress established the current award threshold amounts of $100,000 for Phase I and $750,000 for Phase II in the program's 1992 reauthorization legislation. SBA has statutory authority to increase these award amounts to adjust for inflation or other economic or programmatic considerations once every five years (U.S.C. 638(j)(2)(D)). The regulatory guideline for the SBIR award amounts can be found in Section 7(h)(1) of the SBIR Policy Directive (67 FR 6008, Sept. 24, 2002). SBA has determined that to restore the average economic value of the SBIR awards, the award threshold amounts should be increased at this time. SBA determined that adjusting the threshold amounts to $150,000 for Phase I and $1,000,000 for Phase II adequately offsets the general effects of inflation, maintains a degree of stability and simplicity to the threshold levels, and continues to provide participating agencies with an appropriate degree of flexibility in award size. In the proposed amendment, the SBA explained that it monitored information from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, including the GDP Implicit Price Deflator and the Satellite R&D Account, as well as the Biomedical Research and Development Price index, to determine the appropriate time for, and amount of, this adjustment. The SBA believes this information still supports the adjustment in this final amendment.

Discussion of Comments on the Final Amendments

The 30-day public comment period closed on September 15, 2008. SBA received two comments on the proposed amendment. Both of the comments supported the proposed amendments and commended SBA for making the adjustments to the threshold amounts. One commenter noted further that because the National Institutes of Health (NIH) had already taken advantage of existing flexibility to exceed the guidelines, he did not foresee a significant reduction in the number of awards at that agency resulting from the change in guideline levels. SBA will move forward with the amendment as originally proposed.

Paperwork Reduction Act

SBA has determined that these amendments to the SBIR PD do not impose additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Regulatory Impact Analysis

OMB has determined that this amendment constitutes a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866 and in the proposed amendment to the Policy Directive, the SBA prepared a Regulatory Impact Analysis. The SBA received no comments on this analysis and continues to believe that the analysis was accurate.

Notice of Final Amendments to the Policy Directive; Small Business Innovation Research Program

To: The Directors, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

Subject: Final Revisions to the SBIR Program Policy Directive Concerning Phase I and Phase II Threshold Amounts

1. *Purpose.* Section 9(j)(3) of the Small Business Act (Act) (15 U.S.C. 638(j)(3)) requires the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to modify the SBIR Program Policy Directive as required for the general conduct of the SBIR Program within the Federal Government. Specifically, § 9(j)(2) of the Act requires the SBA to adjust the award amounts for Phase I and II to reflect economic or programmatic considerations once every five years.

2. *Authority.* These amendments to the Policy Directive are issued under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 638(j).

3. *Procurement Regulations.* The Federal Acquisition Regulations may need to be modified to conform to the requirements. Regulatory provisions that pertain to the areas of SBA responsibility will require approval of the SBA Administrator or designee. The SBA's Office of Technology is the appropriate office for coordinating such regulatory provisions.

4. *Personnel Concerned.* All Federal Government personnel who are involved in the administration of the program, including those involved with the issuance and management of funding agreements of the SBIR Program and the establishment of goals for small business concerns in research or research and development procurements or grants.

5. *Distribution.* Federal Government agencies and departments participating in the SBIR Program and those required to establish small business research development goals as directed by § 9 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 638(j)).

6. *Originator.* Office of Technology, SBA.

7. *Dates.* These amendments will be effective when issued as final in the **Federal Register.**

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the SBIR Policy Directive is amended as follows:

1. Amend § 7(h)(1) by removing "$100,000" and adding in its place "150,000" and by removing "$750,000" and replacing it with "$1,000,000".

2. Amend § 7(h)(2) by removing "$100,000" and adding in its place "$150,000" and by removing "$750,000" and adding in its place "$1,000,000".

3. Amend § 10(b)(7) by removing "$100,000" and adding in its place