SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration’s intentions to request approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 13, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments regarding whether these information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Jody Raskind, Chief, Microenterprise Development Branch, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jody Raskind, mail to: Chief, Microenterprise Development Branch, 202–205–7067 or jody.raskind@sba.gov; Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202–205–7030 or curtis.rich@sba.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Information collection is needed to ensure that Microloan Program activity meets the statutory goals of assisting the statutorily mandated target market. The information is used by the reporting participants and the SBA to assist with portfolio management, risk management, loan servicing and collections and to enable SBA to ensure that targeted groups are long served, and understand trends over time. It’s also allows SBA to monitor use of funds ensure compliance and provide education.

- **Title:** “Microloan Program Electronic Reporting System (MPERS)
  - **Description of Respondents:** Microloan Program Intermediary Lenders.
  - **Form Number:** N/A.
  - **Annual Responses:** 2,500.
  - **Annual Burden:** 625.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The information collected through this online application form will be scored and used to determine the eligibility and qualifications of interested non-profit applicants. SBA will evaluate applications using four major categories: The applicant organization’s strengths and weaknesses; its history of providing microloans and technical assistance; the qualifications of its governing board, officers, and key staff; and its financial health. Qualified non-profit applicants will be selected to partner with the SBA as Microloan Program Intermediary Lenders for the purpose of providing microloans (loans of $50,000 or less), and business based training and technical assistance to eligible small businesses.

- **Title:** “New Microloan Intermediary Lender Application”
  - **Description of Respondents:** Microloan Program Intermediary Lender Applicants.
    - **Form Number:** N/A.
    - **Annual Responses:** 25.
    - **Annual Burden:** 9.

Jill M. Peterson, Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**[Disaster Declaration #12484 and #12485]**

**Massachusetts Disaster #MA–00032**

**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 Massachusetts (FEMA—1959—DR), dated 03/07/2011.

- **Incident:** Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm.
  - **Incident Period:** 01/11/2011 through 01/12/2011.
  - **Effective Date:** 03/07/2011.
  - **Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:** 05/06/2011.
  - **Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:** 12/07/2011.

**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 03/07/2011, 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:** Berkshire, Essex, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk.

The Interest Rates are:

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The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 12484B and for economic injury is 12485B.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. ITA–2011–0017]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection approval from the Office of Management and Budget and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seg.).

DATES: Comments must be submitted before April 13, 2011.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725—17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Federal Transit Administration and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for sub mission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The agency received no comments in response to the 60-day notice published in the Federal Register on December 22, 2010 (75 FR 80542).


Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Below we provide the Federal Transit Administration’s projected average estimates for the next three years:

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 4.

Respondents: 2,700.

Annual Responses: 2,700.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 3.8.

Burden Hours: 592 annually.

Issued On: March 8, 2011.

Ann M. Linnertz,
Associate Administrator for Administration.

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