

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Minority Business Development Agency****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Online Customer Relationship Management (CRM)/Performance Databases, the Online Phoenix Database, and the Online Opportunity Database**

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [JJessup@doc.gov](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Cynthia Rios, Program Management Unit Supervisor, MBDA Office of Business Development, (202) 482-1940, or via electronic mail at [crios@mbda.gov](mailto:crios@mbda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

As part of its national service delivery system, MBDA awards cooperative agreements each year to fund the provision of business development services to eligible minority business enterprises (MBEs). The recipient of each cooperative agreement is competitively selected to operate one of the following business center programs: (1) An MBDA Business Center or (2) a Native American Business Enterprise Center (NABEC). In accordance with the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA), MBDA requires all center operators to report basic client information, service activities and progress on attainment of program goals via the Online CRM/Performance Databases. The data collected through the Online CRM/Performance Databases is used to regularly monitor and evaluate the progress of MBDA's funded

centers, to provide the Department and OMB with a summary of the quantitative information that it requires about government supported programs, and to implement the GPRA. This information is also summarized and included in the MBDA Annual Performance Report, which is made available to the public.

Additionally, NABEC program award recipients are required to list MBEs to conduct business in the United States in the Online Phoenix Database. This listing is used to match those registered MBEs with opportunities entered in the Online Opportunity Database by public and private sector entities. The MBEs may also self-register via the Online Phoenix Database for notification of potential business opportunities.

*Revision:* In Fiscal Year 2011 MBDA developed and implemented a new Customer Relationship Management/Performance Database to reflect the requirements of the redesigned MBDA Business Center program. The streamlining of certain administrative and reporting requirements for the new program are reflected in the system, and resulted in a decrease in the overall estimate of burden hours for users under the new program structure. The NABEC program will continue to utilize the original Performance, Phoenix and Opportunity databases until the program is redesigned, which is planned for completion during Fiscal Year 2012.

**II. Method of Collection**

Information will be collected electronically.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0640-0002.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (revision and extension of a currently approved information collection).

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,633.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 minute to 210 minutes, depending on the function.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,516.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

**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.

Dated: March 29, 2012.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Notice of Public Workshop: "Designing for Impact: Workshop on Building the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation"**

**AGENCY:** Advanced Manufacturing National Program Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Advanced Manufacturing National Program Office (AMNPO), housed at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), announces the first of a series of public workshops entitled "Designing for Impact: Workshop on Building the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation." The workshops will provide a forum for the AMNPO to introduce the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) and its regional components, Institutes for Manufacturing Innovation (IMIs). The workshops will also provide a forum for public discussion of this new initiative, which President Obama announced on March 9, 2012. The discussion will focus on the following topics: Technologies with Broad Impact, Institute Structure and Governance, Strategies for Sustainable Institute Operations, and Education and Workforce Development.

**DATES:** The public workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012

from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Eastern time. On-line registration for the workshop will close at 5 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, April 20, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The public workshop will be held at The Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC); Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, 12180. EMPAC is located at the corner of 8th Street and College Avenue, in Troy, NY. Members of the public wishing to attend the public workshop may register online at: <http://events.energetics.com/AMNPOImpact>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Schen at 301-975-6741 or by email at [michael.schen@nist.gov](mailto:michael.schen@nist.gov); or Jacqueline Calhoun at 301-975-2555 or by email at [jacqueline.calhoun@nist.gov](mailto:jacqueline.calhoun@nist.gov). Additional information may be found at: See [http://www.manufacturing.gov/amp/event\\_042512.html](http://www.manufacturing.gov/amp/event_042512.html) for further details.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Legal Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(1).

The proposed NNMI initiative focuses on strengthening and ensuring the long-term competitiveness and job-creating power of U.S. manufacturing. The constituent IMIs will bring together industry, universities and community colleges, federal agencies, and U.S. states to accelerate innovation by investing in industrially-relevant manufacturing technologies with broad applications to bridge the gap between basic research and product development, provide shared assets to help companies—particularly small manufacturers—access cutting-edge capabilities and equipment, and create an unparalleled environment to educate and train students and workers in advanced manufacturing skills. The President's proposed FY 2013 budget includes \$1 billion for this proposed initiative.

Each IMI will serve as a regional hub of manufacturing excellence, providing the innovation infrastructure to support regional manufacturing and ensuring that our manufacturing sector is a key pillar in an economy that is built to last. Each IMI also will have a well-defined technology focus to address industrially-relevant manufacturing challenges on a large scale and to provide the capabilities and facilities required to reduce the cost and risk of commercializing new technologies.

In his announcement, President Obama proposed building a national network consisting of up to 15 IMIs.

Individuals planning to attend the public workshop must preregister. See

registration information in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections above.

See the link below for the announcements of additional workshops:

See <http://www.manufacturing.gov/amp/ampevents.html>.

Future workshops will also be announced in the **Federal Register**.

In the near future, the AMNPO plans to issue a Request for Information (RFI), seeking public comment on specific questions related to the structure and operations of the NNMI and IMIs. The RFI will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 28, 2012.

**Phillip Singerman**,

*Associate Director for Innovation and Industry Services.*

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**BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

**[Docket No. CFPB-2012-0014]**

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**Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosures**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice regarding charges for certain disclosures under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (“Bureau”) announces that the ceiling on allowable charges under Section 612(f) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”) will increase from \$11.00 to \$11.50 effective April 3, 2012. The Bureau is required to increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in Section 612(f)(1)(A)(i) of the FCRA on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”), with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents. The CPI increased 40.75 percent between September 1997, the date the FCRA amendments took effect, and September 2011. This increase in the CPI, and the requirement that any increase be rounded to the nearest fifty cents, results in a maximum allowable charge of \$11.50.

**DATES:** Effective April 3, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael G. Silver, Counsel, Office of Regulations, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 202-435-7700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 612(f)(1)(A) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (the “FCRA”) provides that a consumer reporting agency may charge

a consumer a reasonable amount for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to Section 609 of the FCRA.<sup>1</sup> Section 612(f)(1)(A)(i) of the FCRA provides that, where a consumer reporting agency is permitted to impose a reasonable charge on a consumer for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to Section 609 of the FCRA, the charge shall not exceed \$8.00 and shall be indicated to the consumer before making the disclosure. Section 612(f)(2) of the FCRA states that the Bureau shall increase the \$8.00 maximum amount on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index, with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents. In 2011, the responsibility for performing this task was transferred from the Federal Trade Commission to the Bureau pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.<sup>2</sup>

Section 211(a)(2) of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (“FACT Act”) added a new Section 612(a) to the FCRA that gives consumers the right to request free annual disclosures once every 12 months. The maximum allowable charge established by this notice does not apply to requests made under that provision. The charge does apply when a consumer who orders a file disclosure has already received a free annual disclosure and does not otherwise qualify for an additional free disclosure.

The Bureau is using the \$8.00 amount set forth in Section 612(f)(1)(A)(i) of the FCRA as the baseline for its calculation of the increase in the ceiling on reasonable charges for certain disclosures made under Section 609 of the FCRA. Since the effective date of the amended FCRA was September 30, 1997, the Bureau calculated the proportional increase in the Consumer Price Index (using the most general CPI, which is for all urban consumers, all items) from September 1997 to September 2011. The Bureau then determined what modification, if any, from the original base of \$8.00 should be made effective for 2012, given the requirement that fractional changes be rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

Between September 1997 and September 2011, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers and all items increased by 40.75 percent—from

<sup>1</sup> This provision, originally Section 612(a), was added to the FCRA in September 1996 and became effective in September 1997. It was relabeled Section 612(f) by Section 211(a)(1) of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (“FACT Act”), Public Law 108-159, which was signed into law on December 4, 2003.

<sup>2</sup> Public Law 111-203, Title X, Section 1088.