

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. 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 July 24, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Dena Moglia, Supervisor Veterans Affairs Specialist of Veterans Programs, Office of Veteran Business Development, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dena Moglia, Supervisor Veterans Affairs Specialist of Veterans Programs, Office of Veterans Business Development, [dena.moglia@sba.gov](mailto:dena.moglia@sba.gov), 202-205-7034, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, [curtis.rich@sba.gov](mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Boots to Business is an entrepreneurial education initiative offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as a career track within the Department of Defense's revised Training Assistance Program called Transition Goals, Plans, Success (Transition GPS). The curriculum provides valuable assistance to transitioning service members exploring self-employment opportunities by leading them through the key steps for evaluating business concepts and the foundational knowledge required for developing a business plan. Participants are also introduced to SBA resources available to help access startup capital and additional technical assistance.

The Boots to Business Post Course surveys will be online, voluntary surveys that enable the Boots to Business program office to capture data related but not limited to the effectiveness of all Boots to Business courses, quality of the instructors and materials, and number of small businesses created as a result of participating in Boots to Business. Boots to Business will send an initial survey

via email to all course participants immediately following course completion to gain insight on the quality of the program. Every 12 months following course completion, a follow up survey will be sent to all participants to measure participant outcomes as the SBA seeks to gauge the impact of course completion on the creation of veteran owned small businesses or the motivation and confidence of veterans to pursue business ownership. Participants will be surveyed once a year for 5 years following course completion to allow for business incubation.

**Solicitation of Public Comments**

SBA is requesting comments 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 Collection**

*Title:* Boots to Business Post Course Surveys.

*Description of Respondents:* Service members, veterans and spouses.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 10,000.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 2,000 hours.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline Mainline Alternative Route in Nebraska**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** On November 20, 2017, the Nebraska Public Service Commission approved the Mainline Alternative Route in Nebraska. The Department issues this Notice of Intent (NOI) to announce that it will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA)—consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969—to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Mainline

Alternative Route in support of the Bureau of Land Management's review of TransCanada's application for a right-of-way. This NOI solicits participation and comment from interested federal, tribal, state, and local government entities, as well as members of the public, to help inform EA scope and content.

**DATES:** The Department invites members of the public, government agencies, tribal governments, and all other interested parties to comment on the scope of the EA during the 30-day public scoping period. Comments are due by June 25, 2018.

Please note that all comments received during the scoping period may be publicized. Comments will be neither private nor edited to remove either identifying or contact information. Commenters should omit information that they do not want disclosed. Any party who will either solicit or aggregate other people's comments should convey this cautionary message.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted at <https://www.regulations.gov> by entering the title of this Notice into the search field, and then following the prompts. Comments also may be submitted by mail, addressed to: Ms. Jill Reilly, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, OES/EQT, Room 2727, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520.

Please note that all comments provided by agencies and organizations should list a designated contact person.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 26, 2017, TransCanada resubmitted its Presidential Permit application for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. Subsequently, on March 23, 2017, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs determined that issuance of a Presidential Permit to TransCanada to construct, connect, operate, and maintain at the border of the United States pipeline facilities to transport crude oil from Canada to the United States would serve the U.S. national interest. Accordingly, the Under Secretary issued a Presidential Permit to TransCanada. TransCanada's application to BLM for a right-of-way remains pending before the agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jill Reilly, Acting NEPA Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, (202) 647-9798, [reillyje@state.gov](mailto:reillyje@state.gov).

Detailed records on the proposed project, along with general information about the Presidential Permit process,