

those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2019-37 and should be submitted on or before October 21, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Evaluation of Fees on SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

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

SUMMARY: 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: Written comments must be received on or before November 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited 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.

Comments may be sent to Terrell Lasane (Lead Program Evaluator), U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Washington, DC 20416. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Terrell Lasane at 202-205-7111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluation of Fees on SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program.

Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: Not Yet Assigned.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Abstract: Under the Surety Bond Guarantee (SBG) Program, SBA guarantees bid, payment, and performance bonds for small and emerging contractors who cannot obtain surety bonds through regular commercial channels. SBA's guarantee gives Sureties an incentive to provide bonding for small businesses and, thereby, assists small businesses in obtaining greater access to contracting opportunities. SBA's guarantee is an agreement between a surety and SBA that SBA will assume a certain percentage of the Surety's loss should a contractor default on the underlying contract. On July 30, 2018, SBA announced a change in the fee structure for its SBG Program (83 FR 36658, page 36658-36659). The fee reductions were implemented on October 1, 2018, decreasing the surety fee from a 26 percent to a 20 percent bond premium and decreasing the Principal fee from \$7.29 per thousand dollars of the contract amount to \$6.00 per thousand

dollars of the contract amount. Originally scheduled for 1 year, SBA extended the fee reduction until September 30, 2020 in effort to collect more data to fully evaluate the effect(s) of lower fees on the SBG Program (83 FR 40466, page 40466-40467).

Given that the fee structure has not changed for the last 12 years, SBA would like to evaluate the quantitative impacts of the change on the SBG Program. To properly evaluate the impacts of the fee changes, a multi-method approach will be applied including two study components: (1) Statistical modeling and (2) a web-based survey. The statistical modeling portion of the study will evaluate possible impacts including changes in the utilization of the SBG Program (*e.g.*, principals, surety firms, surety agents) and changes in the SBA's portfolio of guaranteed bonds (*e.g.*, size, duration, risk, cash flow, geographic location, industrial classification) which may, in turn, result in longer term outcomes such as business formations, employment, and opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses. The web survey portion will evaluate surety firms' and agents' perceptions of the fee reductions and their explanations of how these reductions affected their bonding practices and processes. Data collection efforts are required for the survey portion of the study, while administrative data will be used for the statistical modeling analysis.

Affected Public: Respondent groups identified include (1) surety firms participating in the SBG Program and (2) surety agents participating in the SBG Program. The universe of both respondent types will be surveyed.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents is 500. This includes 50 surety firms and 450 surety agents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Both participant types will be asked to participate in one survey.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 500.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated response time is 15 minutes for both the surety firm and surety agent populations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,500 minutes (125 hours).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Respondent	Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated average number of hours per response	Estimated total hours
Reporting Burden:					
Surety firm	50	1.00	50	.25	12.5
Surety agent	450	1.00	450	.25	112.5
Total Reporting Burden	500	500	125

Curtis Rich,
Agency Clearance Officer.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is publishing this notice to comply with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires agencies to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission. This notice also allows an additional 30 days for public comments.
DATES: Submit comments on or before October 30, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the information collection by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: *Agency Clearance Officer, Curtis Rich, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and SBA Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curtis Rich, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7030, *curtis.rich@sba.gov*.
Copies: A copy of the Form OMB 83-1, supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal and State Technology Partnership (FAST) Program is a competitive grants program designed to strengthen the technological competitiveness of small businesses seeking funding from the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small established the FAST program under the Consolidated

Appropriations Act of 2001, codified at 15 U.S.C. 657d(c). The program expired on September 30, 2005 and was reestablished under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010. FAST provides funding to organizations to execute state/regional programs that increase the number of SBIR/STTR proposals (through outreach and financial support); increase the number of SBIR/STTR awards (through technical assistance and mentoring); and better prepare SBIR/STTR awardees for commercialization success (through technical assistance and mentoring). The FAST-Quarterly Reporting Form will collect data from FAST award recipients which will be used to improve program performance. The Quarterly Reports will collect ongoing performance and outcome data from FAST awardees on a required, quarterly basis. As well as improving program management, the data collected will inform the Annual Reports to the Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship; the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; and the House Committee on Small Business, as required in the Small Business Act 34 © (1)(2).

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.

Title: FAST Program Quarterly Reporting Form Description of Respondents: FAST award recipients, including Small Business and Technology Development Centers (SBTDC's), state and local economic development agencies, and other Fast award recipients.

Form Number: N/A.
Estimated Annual Responses: 96.

Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 192.

Curtis Rich,
Management Analyst.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10909]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Technology Security/Clearance Plans, Screening Records, and Non-Disclosure Agreements

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to October 30, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* *oira_submission@omb.eop.gov*. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Andrea Battista, who may be reached at *battistaal@state.gov* via email or 202-663-3136 via phone.