

interoperable, standards-based RAN, such as Open RAN?

Questions on Security

Strengthening supply chain resilience is a critical benefit of open and interoperable, standards-based RAN adoption. In line with the Innovation Fund's goal of "promoting and deploying security features" to enhance the integrity and availability of multi-vendor network equipment, and Department priorities outlined in the National Strategy to Secure 5G Implementation Plan, this section will inform how NTIA incorporates security into future Innovation Fund NOFOs.

17. "Promoting and deploying security features enhancing the integrity and availability of equipment in multi-vendor networks," is a key aim of the Innovation Fund (47 U.S.C. 906(a)(1)(C)(vi)). How can the projects and initiatives funded through the program best address this goal and alleviate some of the ongoing concerns relating to the security of open and interoperable, standards-based RAN?

a. What role should security reporting play in the program's criteria?

b. What role should security elements or requirements, such as industry standards, best practices, and frameworks, play in the program's criteria?

18. What steps are companies already taking to address security concerns?

19. What role can the Innovation Fund play in strengthening the security of open and interoperable, standards-based RAN?

20. How is the "zero-trust model" currently applied to 5G network deployment, for both traditional and open and interoperable, standards-based RAN? What work remains in this space?

Questions on Program Execution and Monitoring

The Innovation Fund is a historic investment in America's 5G future. As such, NTIA is committed to developing a program that results in meaningful progress toward the deployment and adoption of open and interoperable, standards-based RAN. To accomplish this, we welcome feedback from stakeholders on how our program requirements and monitoring can be tailored to achieve the goals set out in 47 U.S.C. 906.

21. Transparency and accountability are critical to programs such as the Innovation Fund. What kind of metrics and data should NTIA collect from awardees to evaluate the impact of the projects being funded?

22. How can NTIA ensure that a diverse array of stakeholders can

compete for funding through the program? Are there any types of stakeholders NTIA should ensure are represented?

23. How (if at all) should NTIA promote teaming and/or encourage industry consortiums to apply for grants?

24. How can NTIA maximize matching contributions by entities seeking grants from the Innovation Fund without adversely discouraging participation? Matching requirements can include monetary contributions and/or third-party in-kind contributions (as defined in 2 CFR 200.1).

25. How can the fund ensure that programs promote U.S. competitiveness in the 5G market?

a. Should NTIA require that grantee projects take place in the U.S.?

b. How should NTIA address potential grantees based in the U.S. with significant overseas operations and potential grantees not based in the U.S. (i.e., parent companies headquartered overseas) with significant U.S.-based operations?

c. What requirements, if any, should NTIA take to ensure "American-made" network components are used? What criteria (if any) should be used to consider whether a component is "American-made"?

26. How, if at all, should NTIA collaborate with like-minded governments to achieve Innovation Fund goals?

Additional Questions

NTIA welcomes any additional input that stakeholders believe will prove useful to our implementation efforts.

27. Are there specific kinds of initiatives or projects that should be considered for funding that fall outside of the questions outlined above?

28. In addition to the listening session mentioned above and forthcoming NOFOs, are there other outreach actions NTIA should take to support the goals of the Innovation Fund?

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund Listening Session

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene a virtual industry roundtable listening session on the Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund. The listening session is designed to collect stakeholder input to help inform the development and administration of the Innovation Fund grant program.

DATES: The listening session will be held on January 24, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The session will be held virtually, with online slide share and dial-in information to be posted at <https://www.ntia.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct questions regarding this Notice to innovationfund@ntia.gov, indicating "Innovation Fund Listening Session" in the subject line, or if by mail, addressed to National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-3806. Please direct media inquiries to Sarah Skaluba, (202) 482-7002, or NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Authority: On August 9, 2022, President Biden signed the *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* into law, appropriating \$1.5 billion for the Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund (referred to subsequently herein as the "Innovation Fund"), to support the promotion and deployment of open, interoperable, and standards-based radio access networks (RAN) (Pub. L. 117-167, Div. A, Sect. 106, 136 Stat. 1392). The Innovation Fund is authorized under section 9202(a)(1) of the *William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021* (Pub. L. 116-283; 47 U.S.C. 906(a)(1)). This historic investment aims to support U.S. leadership in the global telecommunications ecosystem, foster competition, lower costs for consumers and network operators, and strengthen our supply chain.

Today's fifth generation wireless technology (known as "5G") infrastructure market is highly consolidated, with a small group of vendors making up the majority of the marketplace. This lack of competition can reduce supply chain resilience and security, contribute to higher prices, and make it challenging for new, innovative U.S. companies to break into the market.

Additionally, certain equipment and services produced or provided by particular vendors in this marketplace have been deemed to pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States.¹ Some of these vendors, including Chinese telecommunications companies Huawei Technologies Company and ZTE Corporation have been shown to have links to the Chinese government and/or the Chinese Communist Party, giving rise to security risks.² Those risks are compounded by financial support from the government of China and preferential access to the Chinese market, which enable them to offer lower cost financing terms and, in some cases, below-market export credit subsidies to foreign mobile operators to purchase their equipment. The United States Government is working to mobilize the full range of department and agency tools and coordinating with like-minded partners to support foreign mobile network operators in procuring trusted, secure RAN.

To help inform development and administration of the Innovation Fund grant program, NTIA has established multiple avenues for the public to offer input, including through a Request for Comment also published today as well as this public virtual listening session. NTIA seeks input from all interested stakeholders—including private industry, academia, civil society, and other experts. The discussions held at this session will be analyzed to help inform, among other items: the kinds of grant criteria NTIA should consider, recommendations on the types of projects and programs the Innovation Fund should aim to support, and practical solutions to the chief challenges of open, interoperable, and standards-based RAN adoption.

Time and Date: NTIA will convene the public listening session on January 24, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The exact time of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.gov>, for the most current information.

Place: The meeting will be held virtually, with online slide share and

dial-in information to be posted at <https://www.ntia.gov>. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.gov>, for the most current information.

Other Information: The meeting is open to the public and the press on a first-come, first-served basis. The virtual meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations such as real-time captioning, sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids should notify the Department at InnovationFund@ntia.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. Access details for the meeting are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.gov>, for the most current information.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSDP(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 12, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Duncan, 571-372-7574, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Independent Analysis and Recommendations on Domestic Abuse

in the Armed Forces: Expert Panel(s); OMB Control Number 0704-IADA.

Type of Request: New.

Number of Respondents: 135.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 135.

Average Burden per Response: 3.5 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 472.5.

Needs and Uses: DoD has commissioned the RAND Corporation (RAND) to conduct a Congressionally mandated study (section 549C of the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act) to provide independent analyses and recommendations for improving domestic abuse prevention and response in the U.S. armed forces. This project is required by statute and will support: (a) High Congressional interest, (b) the current administration's priority to address gender-based violence, and (c) implementation of recommendations contained in the draft Government Accountability Office Report 21-289, released March 19, 2021. Data collection is necessary to find sustainable solutions to decrease incidents and prevent domestic abuse before it occurs. The subtopics for the additional expert panels will include:

A. Age-appropriate training and education programs for elementary and secondary school students, designed to assist such students in learning positive relationship behaviors in families and with intimate partners.

B. Means of improving access to resources for survivors who have already experienced domestic abuse, including survivors who are geographically relocating.

C. Strategies to prevent domestic abuse by training, educating, and assigning prevention-related responsibilities to military leaders; medical, behavioral, and mental health service providers; staff from domestic abuse and related prevention programs; and others with relevant responsibilities, such as law enforcement.

Respondents will be responding to the information collection to apply their expertise and help improve domestic abuse prevention and response in the military.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

¹ See the Federal Communications Commission's List of Equipment and Services Covered by Section 2 of The Secure Networks Act, <https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist>.

² See, e.g., Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, U.S. House of Representatives, Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE at iv (Oct. 8, 2012), [https://republicans-intelligence.house.gov/sites/intelligence.house.gov/files/documents/huaweizte%20investigative%20report%20\(final\).pdf](https://republicans-intelligence.house.gov/sites/intelligence.house.gov/files/documents/huaweizte%20investigative%20report%20(final).pdf).