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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Small Business Size Standards: Notification of Two Virtual Public Forums on Monetary-Based Industry Size Standards

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notification of virtual public forums on size standards.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is holding a series of two virtual public forums on size standards to update the public and to consider public testimony on proposed changes contained in the proposed rule titled *Small Business Size Standards: Monetary-Based Industry Size Standards*. Testimony presented at these forums will become part of the administrative record for SBA's consideration when developing the final rule.

**DATES:** The virtual forum dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT)
- Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT)

**ADDRESSES:** The forums will be held via the Microsoft Teams platform. Registration is required to attend these virtual events. Visit SBA's size standards web page at [www.sba.gov/size](http://www.sba.gov/size) to register.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Miriam Birdwell, Economist, Size Standards Division, (202) 205-6618 or [sizestandards@sba.gov](mailto:sizestandards@sba.gov). The phone number above may also be reached by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have speech disabilities, through the Federal Communications Commission's TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service teletype service at 711.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

SBA is seeking public comments on a proposed rule (*Small Business Size Standards: Monetary-Based Industry Size Standards* (90 FR 41168, August 22, 2025)) that would increase its monetary based small business size

definitions (commonly referred to as 'size standards') for 263 industries (259 receipts based and four assets based). The comment period ends on October 21, 2025.

The changes contained in the proposed rule are part of SBA's third five-year review of size standards, as required under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (Sec. 1344, Pub. L. 111-240, 124 Stat. 2545 (September 27, 2010)). The revised size standards reflect SBA's considerations of the relevant industry and programmatic data and SBA's proposed policy of not lowering any size standards, except for excluding dominant firms from qualifying as small. As part of the review of size standards, SBA considers the structural characteristics of individual industries, including average firm size, the degree of competition, and Federal Government contracting trends. This ensures that small business size standards reflect current economic conditions in those industries. SBA's proposed revisions relied on the "Size Standards Methodology" (Revised Methodology) issued on September 12, 2024, and available at [www.sba.gov/size](http://www.sba.gov/size).

##### II. Virtual Public Forums on Size Standards

Under this notice, SBA is advising the public that it is hosting a series of two virtual public forums on size standards to update the public and to consider public testimony on proposed changes contained in the August 2025 proposed rule on size standards. These forums also conform to the requirements of section 1344 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 which requires SBA to hold not less than two public forums during its quinquennial review of size standards.

SBA considers public forums on size standards as a valuable component of its deliberations and believes that these forums will allow for constructive dialogue with small businesses and their representatives, industry trade associations, participants in SBA's contracting and financial assistance programs, and other stakeholders.

The format of these forums will consist of a panel of SBA representatives who will preside over the session. The oral and written testimony as well as any comments SBA receives during the forum will become part of the administrative record for SBA's consideration when preparing the final rule. Written testimony may be submitted in lieu of oral testimony on or before October 21, 2025, at the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), using the following RIN number: RIN 3245-AI12

or SBA Docket No. SBA-2025-0102 or by mail to Dr. Khem R. Sharma, Chief, Size Standards Division, 409 3rd Street SW, Mail Code 6530, Washington, DC 20416. SBA will analyze the testimony, both oral and written, along with any written comments received and respond to all comments in the final rule. However, during the public forum, SBA officials will not provide comment on the testimony of speakers. SBA requests that commenters focus on SBA's August 2025 proposed rulemaking and the impacted industries described therein. SBA requests that commenters do not raise issues pertaining to industries not covered under the proposed rule, or issues outside the scope of the rule. Presenters are encouraged to provide a written copy of their testimony. SBA will accept written material that the presenter wishes to provide that further supplements his or her testimony. Electronic or digitized copies are encouraged.

The two virtual public forums on size standards will be held on September 17, 2025, and September 18, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. (EDT); SBA will adjourn early if all testimony has been delivered before the end time.

##### III. Registration

Participants must pre-register to attend either of the two virtual public forums on size standards by visiting SBA's size standards web page at [www.sba.gov/size](http://www.sba.gov/size) and registering at the link provided. On the registration form, participants may indicate whether they would like to testify at the forum. After registering, participants will receive an email with an access link and call-in information which can be used to access the forum on the scheduled date and time. Additional information about the forum is provided on 'announcements about updating size standards' on SBA's size standards web page at [www.sba.gov/size](http://www.sba.gov/size), and on the invitation that participants receive upon registration. SBA will attempt to accommodate all interested parties that wish to present testimony. Based on the number of registrants it may be necessary to impose time limits to ensure that everyone who wishes to testify can do so.

##### IV. Information on Service for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance contact

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Miriam Birdwell at the telephone number or email address indicated under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

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*Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21270 and #21271; TENNESSEE Disaster Number TN–20026]

### Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Tennessee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Tennessee dated September 2, 2025.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Flooding.

**DATES:** Issued on September 2, 2025.

*Incident Period:* August 13, 2025.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* November 3, 2025.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* June 2, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Henderson, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given as a result of the Administrator’s disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or by phone at 1–800–659–2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Hamilton.

*Contiguous Counties:*

Tennessee: Bledsoe, Bradley, Marion, Meigs, Rhea, Sequatchie.

Georgia: Catoosa, Dade, Walker, Whitfield.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 212706 and for economic injury is 212710.

The States which received an Agency declaration are Georgia, Tennessee.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

**James Stallings,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## 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) 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 November 4, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Kevin Valdes, [kevin.valdes@sba.gov](mailto:kevin.valdes@sba.gov), Office of Surety Guarantees, Small Business Administration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Valdes, Management Analyst, Office of Surety Guarantees, [kevin.valdes@sba.gov](mailto:kevin.valdes@sba.gov), (202) 816–0137 and Shauniece Carter, Interim Agency

Clearance Officer, [shauniece.carter@sba.gov](mailto:shauniece.carter@sba.gov), (202) 935–6942.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under its Surety Bond Guarantee Program (SBG Program), the U.S. Small Business Administration is authorized to guarantee a bid bond, payment bond, performance bond, as well as any required related ancillary bonds, on a contract issued to a small business contractor up to \$9 million or up to \$14 million if a Federal contracting officer certifies that SBA’s guarantee is necessary. See Title IV of the Small Business Investment Act (SBIA), part B, 15 U.S.C. 694a *et seq.* The SBG Program was created to encourage surety companies to issue bonds for small business contractors. The SBIA authorizes SBA to establish the terms and conditions for providing surety bond guarantee assistance and for paying claims resulting from any contractor defaults.

This information collection consists of forms relating to the application process for an SBA-guaranteed bond and claims for the reimbursement of losses, including SBA Forms 990, 991, 994, 994B, 994F, 994H, a new Prior Approval surety participation agreement form, and a new Preferred Surety Bond (PSB) surety participation agreement form. Except in the case of SBA Form 994H and the surety participation agreement forms, SBA uses the information to evaluate whether the small business applicant meets the eligibility requirements for a surety bond, as well as the likelihood that the small business will successfully complete the bonded contract. The information collected for this purpose includes: Demographics on all owners of the bond applicant, which has no bearing on the approval decision; the status of any current or past SBA financial assistance provided to the applicant; NAICS code for applicant’s industry; financial statements; contract amount and nature of contract performance; and in the event performance has begun, evidence that applicant has paid all suppliers and subcontractors. With respect to SBA Form 994H, SBA uses the information collected to evaluate the surety’s claim for reimbursement of losses. Surety is required to provide information regarding the date the small business defaulted on the contract; the reason for the default, the amount of any recoveries, and any additional information that would support the surety’s claim for reimbursement. With respect to the new surety participation forms, SBA uses the information collected to document the