

Administration (NTIA) will convene a hybrid industry listening session on the Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund (“Innovation Fund”). The session will discuss Innovation Fund progress to date and solicit industry input to help inform a future funding opportunity.

**DATES:** The listening session will be held on March 23, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The session will be held hybrid, with participation available both via Microsoft Teams and in-person at The MITRE Corporation’s location in McLean, Virginia. Online slide share and dial-in information to be posted at [www.ntia.gov/program/innovation-fund](http://www.ntia.gov/program/innovation-fund).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct questions regarding this Notice to Richard Upchurch at [innovationfund@ntia.gov](mailto:innovationfund@ntia.gov), indicating “Innovation Fund Listening Session 2026” 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 NTIA’s Office of Public Affairs, [press@ntia.gov](mailto:press@ntia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background and Authority**

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)). It supports U.S. leadership in the global telecommunications ecosystem, fosters competition, and strengthens our supply chain. The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the NTIA Administrator, shall establish criteria for grants awarded to support the following:

(i) Promoting and deploying technology, including software, hardware, and microprocessing technology, that will enhance competitiveness in the fifth-generation (commonly known as “5G”) and successor wireless technology supply chains that use open and interoperable interface radio access networks.

(ii) Accelerating commercial deployments of open interface standards-based compatible, interoperable equipment, such as equipment developed pursuant to the standards set forth by organizations such as the O-RAN Alliance, the Telecom Infra Project, 3GPP, the Open-RAN Software Community, or any successor organizations.

(iii) Promoting and deploying compatibility of new 5G equipment

with future open standards-based, interoperable equipment.

(iv) Managing integration of multi-vendor network environments.

(v) Identifying objective criteria to define equipment as compliant with open standards for multi-vendor network equipment interoperability.

(vi) Promoting and deploying security features enhancing the integrity and availability of equipment in multi-vendor networks.

(vii) Promoting and deploying network function virtualization to facilitate multi-vendor interoperability and a more diverse vendor market.

*Listening Session Focus:* This listening session will focus on advancing AI-native telecommunications networks through the Innovation Fund. This effort is aligned with the Administration’s July 2025 AI Action Plan and the Executive Order on Promoting the Export of the American AI Technology Stack with the goal of establishing U.S. leadership in secure AI technologies.

*Time and Date:* NTIA will convene the public listening session on Monday, March 23, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Please refer to NTIA’s website, [www.ntia.gov/program/innovation-fund](http://www.ntia.gov/program/innovation-fund) for the most current information.

*Place:* For those attending in-person, the listening session will be held at The MITRE Corporation located at 7525 Colshire Drive, McLean, VA 22102. For those attending virtually, online slide share and dial-in information will be posted at <https://www.ntia.gov/program/innovation-fund>. Please refer to NTIA’s website, for the most current information.

*Other Information:* The meeting is open to the public and the press on a first-come, first-serve basis. The hybrid meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and/or individuals requiring accommodations such as real-time captioning. Those individuals who need other ancillary aids should notify the Department at [innovationfund@ntia.gov](mailto:innovationfund@ntia.gov) at least seven (7) business days prior to the listening session. Access details for the meeting are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA’s website, <https://www.ntia.gov/program/innovation-fund> for the most current information.

Dated: March 6, 2026.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

[Docket ID: USA-2026-HQ-0199]

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 60-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces the proposed extension of an approved public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 11, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments,

please email the Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP), 441 G Street NW, CECW-I, Attn: Aaron Snyder, Washington, DC 20314; telephone number (612) 518-0355; [CWIFP@usace.army.mil](mailto:CWIFP@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP) Applications; ENG Form 6176 and ENG Form 6177; OMB Control Number 0710-0026.

*Needs and Uses:* The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is collecting this information to administer the Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP), which provides federal credit assistance for water infrastructure projects as authorized by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (WIFIA). The information collection is a two-step process. The Preliminary Application (ENG Form 6176) is necessary to validate the eligibility of the prospective borrower and project, perform preliminary creditworthiness and feasibility assessments, and evaluate the project against the selection criteria to identify which projects USACE will invite to submit a final application.

Based on evaluation of the Preliminary Application, USACE will invite prospective borrowers to submit a Final Application (ENG Form 6177). The Final Application provides USACE with the detailed information necessary to assess the creditworthiness of both the applicant and project, identify the project's engineering and financial risk, negotiate the terms and conditions of the credit assistance, and calculate the amount of budget authority needed to fund the project.

The respondents are eligible entities seeking federal credit, including corporations, partnerships, and state, local, or tribal governments. Without this information collection, USACE would be unable to evaluate projects, manage financial risk, or execute its mission to provide credit assistance for the nation's water infrastructure.

*Affected Public:* Corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, trusts, federal, state, or local government entities, tribal governments or a consortium of tribal governments, and state infrastructure finance authorities.

**Preliminary Application (ENG Form 6176)**

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,250.  
*Number of Respondents:* 25.  
*Responses per Respondent:* 1.  
*Annual Responses:* 25.

*Average Burden per Response:* 50 hours.

**Final Application (ENG Form 6177)**

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,500.  
*Number of Respondents:* 15.  
*Responses per Respondent:* 1.  
*Annual Responses:* 15.  
*Average Burden per Response:* 100 hours.

**Total**

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,750.  
*Number of Respondents:* 40.  
*Annual Responses:* 40.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.

Dated: March 6, 2026.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-0464]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Measuring Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education**

**AGENCY:** Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 11, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2026-SCC-0464. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted

after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Attention: John LeMaster, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 4A113, Washington, DC 20202-1200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact John LeMaster, 202-987-0903.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Measuring Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education.

*OMB Control Number:* 1830-0567.

*Type of Review:* An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 15.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 600.

*Abstract:* Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 462 establishes procedures the Secretary uses to consider literacy tests for use in the National Reporting System (NRS) for adult education. This information is used by the Secretary to determine the