

1. *Project justification (30 points)*—This criterion ascertains whether there is intrinsic IOCM value in the proposed work and/or relevance to national priorities and NOAA's strategic areas of focus (noted in section III), including downstream partner proposals and uses. It is recommended to make use of, and reference to, resources outlined in section III.

2. *Statement of need (10 points)*—This criterion assesses clarity of project need, partner project funding alternatives if not selected, anticipated outcomes, and public benefit.

3. *Specified partner match (20 points)*—This criterion evaluates the partner match, such as the identification of a point of contact for the entity submitting the proposal, as well as any partnering entities; a clear statement on partner matching funds provenance (e.g., State appropriations, NGO funds, or other sources); and timing of funds availability. Proposals with multiple partners that are combining funds for the match will need to identify a central point of contact who will work with the partners to collate the funds and initiate the transfer of funds to NOAA. In-kind contributions do not count toward the funding match, but are welcome to strengthen the proposal.

4. *Project costs (15 points)*—This criterion evaluates whether the proposed budget is realistic and commensurate with the proposed project needs and timeframe.

5. *Project feasibility and flexibility (25 points)*—This criterion assesses the likelihood that the proposal would succeed, using evaluations of survey conditions, project size, location, weather, NOAA analysis of environmental compliance implications, project flexibility and adaptability to existing NOAA plans and schedules, and other factors.

During the proposal review period, the Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund Program Management Team reserves the right to engage with proposal points of contact to ask questions and provide feedback on project costs and feasibility.

VI. Submission Requirements

Project Proposal—To qualify, a proposal shall not exceed six (6) total pages and must include the following three components:

1. A project title; executive summary (3–5 sentences); and the names, affiliations, and roles of the project partners and any co-investigators, as well as the project lead that will serve as primary contact (1 page maximum).

2. A justification and statement of need; description and graphics of the proposed survey area, including

relevance to the strategic areas of focus noted in section III and degree of flexibility on timing of survey effort (4 pages maximum).

3. A project budget that lists the source(s) and amount(s) of funding that the partner would provide as its match to NOAA. The budget must confirm that partner funds can be transferred to NOAA before October 1, 2026 (1 page maximum).

Proposals must be sent in a PDF format, and use 12-point, Times New Roman font, single spacing, and 1-inch margins. Failure to adhere to these submission requirements will result in the proposal being returned without review and eliminated from further consideration.

To facilitate review, NOAA welcomes the submission of GIS files of project areas. These ancillary GIS files must be in SHP format.

Project proposals, including any optional GIS files of the proposed project areas, must be received via email at the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by the deadline stated in the **DATES** section. Please include all required components of the proposal as attachments to one email. If an entity is unable to apply for this particular opportunity, but is interested in participating in similar, future opportunities, NOAA requests a one-page statement of interest, also by the deadline stated in the **DATES** section. Incomplete and late submissions will not be considered.

VII. Management and Oversight

Once the Brennan Ocean Mapping Fund Program Management Team selects project proposals, NOAA will coordinate the development of agreements, funding transfers, project planning, environmental compliance, acquisition awards, and the quality assurance process with the project partners. NOAA may bring in additional partners and/or funding (Federal and/or non-Federal) to expand a project, if feasible. Approved projects will be reviewed by NOAA annually to ensure they are responsive to partner interests and NOAA mission requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

NTIA Listening Session on Bolstering Data Center Growth, Resilience and Security

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene a virtual listening session on Bolstering Data Center Growth, Resilience and Security. This session will build upon NTIA's previous request for comment (RFC) and serve as an important opportunity to "refresh the docket" with the latest market analysis, feedback, and data. Stakeholder input will be used to inform a forthcoming NTIA report outlining challenges and opportunities to data center growth, resilience and security, as well as a targeted, actionable menu of policy recommendations.

DATES: The listening session will be held on July 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight 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 Jorge Pardo, Senior Telecommunications Policy Specialist (datacenters@ntia.gov), indicating "Bolstering Data Center Growth, Resilience and Security" 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 at press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Authority

In September 2024, NTIA launched an inquiry into how the federal government may support the growth of data centers to meet the coming demand from artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies. NTIA's RFC sought input on challenges and opportunities to bolster data center growth, resilience, and security. NTIA issued the RFC in coordination with the Department of Energy (DOE), given DOE's mission to ensure American's security and prosperity through addressing energy challenges with

science and technology solutions. Comments to the RFC focused on issues such as power and infrastructure, supply chain, workforce, permitting, and cybersecurity, among others. NTIA will host a public listening session to further explore these key areas and inform its forthcoming report.

Time and Date: NTIA will convene the public listening session on July 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight 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 current 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 datacenters@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 COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NTIA Internet Use Survey

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection

requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to Christopher Quarles, Policy Advisor, NTIA, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite 4725, Washington, DC 20230, or via email at cquarles@ntia.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0660-0021 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Christopher Quarles, Policy Advisor, NTIA, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite 4725, Washington, DC 20230, at (202) 941-0606 or cquarles@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NTIA seeks approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to add 61 questions to the November 2025 edition of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS). This collection of questions is known as the NTIA internet Use Survey and is also referred to as the CPS Computer and internet Use Supplement. NTIA has sponsored seventeen such surveys since 1994.

The internet is of immense importance to the nation's economic prosperity; as a result, policymakers, businesses, non-profits, communities, and other stakeholders rely on data about whether and how Americans use the internet to help shape their activities. Digitally connected Americans populate the modern workforce, drive creative innovation throughout the economy, and ensure a growing customer base to help sustain our nation's global competitiveness. Data from the NTIA internet Use Survey will inform policies aimed at broadband usage.

NTIA is working with Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), other federal agencies, state and local governments, industry, and nonprofits to develop and promote policies that foster ubiquitous deployment and effective use of high-speed internet technologies. Collecting current, systematic, and comprehensive

information on internet use and non-use by U.S. households is critical to enabling policymakers to gauge progress made to date and identify specific areas of concern that permit carefully targeted and cost-effective responses.

The U.S. Census Bureau is widely regarded as a premier data collector based on centuries of experience and rigorous scientific methods. Collection of NTIA's requested internet usage data will occur in conjunction with a future edition of the U.S. Census Bureau's CPS, thereby significantly reducing the potential burdens on the U.S. Census Bureau and on surveyed households.

The U.S. government has a need for comprehensive data in this area. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), NTIA, and the FCC have issued reports noting the importance of useful broadband data for policymakers.

Moreover, Congress has passed legislation—including the Broadband Data Improvement Act, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Broadband DATA Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act—wholly or in part to facilitate data collection, research, and policy analysis in this area. Modifying the CPS to include NTIA's requested internet use questions will enable the Commerce Department and NTIA to respond to congressional concerns and directives.

NTIA has made a copy of the proposed information collection instrument available at <https://www.ntia.gov/federal-register-notice/2025/2025-internet-use-survey-information-collection>.

II. Method of Collection

The NTIA Internet Use Survey will be administered by the U.S. Census Bureau as a supplement to the CPS. Data will be collected through personal visits and live telephone interviews using computer-assisted telephone interviewing and computer-assisted personal interviewing.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0660-0021.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission; Revision of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000 households.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,334 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.