

applicants have the opportunity to appeal the decision to a review body within the statistical agency or unit, when the grounds for the adverse determination are under the control of the relevant statistical agencies or units. The result of the appeals process would be communicated with the applicant within eight (8) weeks of the appeal request submission. Under the proposal applicants would also have the opportunity to file an appeal of alleged noncompliance with the policy directly with the Chief Statistician at OMB, who would review the allegation and, if appropriate, take steps to facilitate compliance with the policy.⁸

The SAP Portal will provide applicants with up-to-date tracking of applications throughout the review process. The SAP Portal will also provide public reporting of key information with regard to the operation of the SAP, such as the review status and final determination for every project, as required by the Evidence Act.

The full text of the ICSP policy recommendation may be found in the docket (OMB-2022-0001).

Desired Focus of Comments

OMB is particularly interested in receiving comments on the specific areas of interest described below. To provide the most useful feedback, responders should read the SAP policy draft before addressing the posed questions. We also recommend that responses be concise, include citations if summarizing or depending on published work, and provide any links to related research. In addition, a fuller consideration of comments would be facilitated by clear identification of the question(s) being addressed. Each question provides a link to the related discussion within the policy draft. The full text of the ICSP SAP policy recommendations is available as a supplemental document on www.regulations.gov in docket number "OMB-2022-0001".

OMB welcomes comment on any and all aspects of this policy. We have also identified specific areas of interest for comment, including:

Metadata standards:

- To provide flexibility over time, the proposed policy would require the SAP Program Management Office (PMO) to develop and maintain a set of metadata standards subject to approval by the SAP Governance Body.

1. Should key metadata elements be considered as part of the policy? If so, which?

2. What are the key metadata elements that the PMO should consider in its development of the metadata standards?

3. Would it be valuable for the metadata standards to comply with any other existing metadata standards? If so, which?

Application windows:

- The proposed policy would allow each individual statistical agency or unit to establish their own time window during which applications will be accepted for a given data asset as a way to manage resource constraints. This approach is designed to maximize services from higher capacity statistical agencies, which have resources to keep an application window open all year in many cases, but at the potential expense of standardization across statistical agencies, because some lower capacity statistical agencies may not have the resources to review applications on a constant flow basis.

4. How could this proposed approach be improved, if at all?

- If instead the policy were to require all agencies to align to a common fixed-length window, we believe that has the potential to lead to a decrease in availability for higher capacity agencies.

5. How could this policy be implemented in a way that maximizes its usefulness? How could the following aspects help:

i. Frequency of windows for accepting applications (e.g., annual, quarterly)?

ii. Minimum number of days for accepting applications (e.g., 60 days) for each window?

iii. Alignment of acceptance windows across statistical agencies or products?

iv. Any other features to assist applicants seeking data from multiple statistical agencies for a single project?

Applicant evaluation:

- The proposed policy would introduce four standardized authorization levels and four standard review criteria against which applicant(s) will be evaluated. The authorization levels are designed to align generally with currently used access modes as described above. They will also need to align with accessibility levels to be defined in an upcoming OMB regulation required under 44 U.S.C. 3582. The standard review criteria would respond to the requirement for an explicit, consistent, and identical review process.

6. Is the proposal an appropriate framework, and should it differ in any manner between Federal and non-Federal applicants? If not, what additional levels or criteria should guide the applicant review process to improve the efficiency of the SAP?

Appeals process:

- The proposed policy would provide applicants the ability to file an appeal in the event their application receives a negative disposition. Under this process, the appeal is reviewed by three officials at the statistical agency or unit, including the statistical agency or unit head or delegate, and a consensus decision is required to reverse the original determination.

7. What additional aspects should be considered to ensure that the process is fair, equitable, and transparent?

8. How, if at all, should processes vary for applications that would use data from multiple agencies?

Public reporting:

- The Evidence Act (44 U.S.C. 3583(a)(6)) requires public reporting on the status and disposition of each application to promote transparency.

9. What additional information should be considered as part of the proposed public reporting requirements beyond what the proposal suggests?

In addition, OMB welcomes more general comment on the merit of the proposed SAP both in technical terms and as statistical policy, including whether any elements should be modified in support of technical improvement or to improve statistical policy. The technical implications of the proposed SAP involve the feasibility, cost, and effectiveness of its structure and processes. The statistical policy implications relate to how well the proposed SAP supports the missions of statistical agencies and units by serving the information and research needs of policymakers and the public, while protecting the privacy and confidentiality of individuals who provide data.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3583.

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Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 22-003]

Name of Information Collection: NASA Contractor Financial Management Records

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the

⁸ The proposal describes a procedural appeal, which would not extend to review of the substantive decision.

general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections.

DATES: Comments are due by March 15, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 60-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Claire Little, NASA Clearance Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, JF0000, Washington, DC 20546, 202–358–2375 or email claire.a.little@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The NASA Contractor Financial Management Reporting System is the basic financial medium for contractor reporting of estimated and incurred costs, providing essential data for projecting costs and hours to ensure that contractor performance is realistically planned and supported by dollar and labor resources. The data provided by these reports is an integral part of the Agency’s accrual accounting and cost-based budgeting system. Respondents are reimbursed for associated cost to provide the information, per their negotiated contract price and associated terms of the contract. There are no “total capital and start-up” or “total operation and maintenance and purchase of services” costs associated since NASA policy requires that data reported is generated from the contractors’ existing system. The contractors’ internal management system shall be relied upon to the maximum extent possible.

II. Methods of Collection

NASA collects this information electronically and that is the preferred manner, however information may also be collected via mail or fax.

III. Data

Title: NASA Contractor Financial Management Reports.

OMB Number: 2700–0003.

Type of Review: Renewal of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit or not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Number of Activities: 500.

Estimated Number of Respondents per Activity: 12.

Annual Responses: 6,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 9 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 54,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$9,100,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

Lori Parker,

NASA PRA Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 22–004]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Science Mission Directorate (SMD) within NASA is undertaking an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) change effort. SMD seeks to advance these IDEA principles in all SMD programs and activities. This survey will be used as an evidence-building tool baselining SMD staff (civil servants and contractors) views on the SMD cultural climate. The survey will then be periodically (approximately annually) administered to determine whether cultural indicators are improving as IDEA efforts are implemented. Data obtained is intended for SMD internal use only and will not be publicly released. Data will be used to inform and substantiate IDEA strategy, initiatives, and design. This intelligence will be laser-focused on improving SMD’s internal environment. This survey will be open to both contractors and civil servants because contractors are integral to and embedded within the SMD workforce. No other data collection mechanism exists to obtain opinions from the contractor portion of the workforce on this topic. The survey will be voluntary and anonymous (the identity of survey respondents will not be collected).

II. Methods of Collection

Electronic.

III. Data

Title: SMD Climate Survey.

OMB Number:

Type of Review: New.

Affected Public: Individuals who work as contractors, detailees, or IPAs for NASA SMD.

Estimated Annual Number of Activities: 1.

Estimated Number of Respondents per Activity: 400.

Annual Responses: 400.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.