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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title of Collection: National Science Foundation (NSF) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Pre-Award Information Collection.
OMB Control No.: 3145-0270.
Expiration Date of Approval: 11/30/2025.

Abstract: The NSF SBIR/STTR programs focus on transforming scientific discovery into products and services with commercial potential and/or societal benefit. Unlike fundamental or basic research activities that focus on scientific and engineering discoveries, the NSF SBIR/STTR programs support the creation of opportunities to move fundamental science and engineering out of the lab and into the market at scale, through startups and small businesses representing deep technology ventures.

The NSF SBIR/STTR programs request renewal clearance of this data collection that will allow the programs to collect information from a selected group of applicants—those that have been reviewed by independent experts

and that NSF Program Directors are considering recommending for funding—for the purpose of making a funding decision. This information includes, but is not exclusive to, a list of company officers and the corresponding ownership status of each company officer within the startup, whether the startup is associated or affiliated with other companies, whether there exist any relationships (personal, financial, and/or professional) between project personnel, and the locations of all the facilities where significant research will be performed for the proposed project. In addition, a list of questions pertaining to foreign influence disclosure—such as whether the applicant is affiliated with any malign foreign talent recruitment program, whether the parent company, joint venture, or subsidiary of the applicant receives funding from any foreign country of concern, and/or any financial investments made from such foreign country of concern—will be included in the questionnaire.

Such data will enable the NSF Program Directors to evaluate a given company’s business structure, ascertain the level of commitment of the Principal Investigator (PI) and co-PIs to the startup venture, identify conflicts of interests (if any), and ascertain that these applicants are not influenced by and/or affiliated with any foreign country of concern (please see https://www.sbir.gov/foreign_disclosures for the most up-to-date and completed list of these countries) as part of the due diligence process that the programs undertake to verify there are no fraudulent or inappropriate business practices prior to recommending the small business for an award.

Following standard OMB requirements, NSF will request OMB approval in advance and provide OMB

with a copy of the form containing these questions. Data collected will be used strictly for due-diligence, auditing, and/or legal purposes, and are needed for effective pre-award management, administration, and/or program monitoring. The applicants, if being considered for an award, will only be asked to submit a signed form containing their responses to the questions once for *each* NSF SBIR/STTR proposal. The data collection burden to the selected applicants will be limited to no more than 15 minutes of the respondents’ time in each instance. Summaries of the collected data are also being used to respond to queries from Congress, the Small Business Administration, the public, NSF’s external merit reviewers who serve as advisors, NSF’s Office of the Inspector General, and other pertinent stakeholders

Respondents: PIs listed on the NSF SBIR/STTR proposals.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1000.

Burden on the Public: The overall annualized cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$11,000. The following table shows the annualized estimate of costs to PIs who are generally university assistant professors. This estimated hourly rate is based on a report from the American Association of University Professors, “Annual Report on the Economic Status of the Profession, 2020–21,” *Academe*, March–April 2021, Survey Report Table 1. According to this report: https://www.aaup.org/file/AAUP_ARES_2020-21.pdf, the average salary of an assistant professor across all types of doctoral-granting institutions was \$91,408. When divided by the number of standard annual work hours (2,080), this calculates to approximately \$44 per hour.

Respondent type	Number of respondents	Burden hours per respondent	Average hourly rate	Estimated annual cost
PIs	1000	0.25	\$44	\$11,000
Total				11,000

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Agency Information Collection
Activities: Comment Request; National Science Foundation Breakthrough Innovations Initiative Application
AGENCY: National Science Foundation.
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans

to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing this opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: National Science Foundation Breakthrough Innovations Initiative Application.

OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Abstract: The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP) is launching an effort to enable researchers, innovators, and entrepreneurs to apply unconventional approaches to create game-changing technologies and translate discoveries into tangible applications and products.

This effort will utilize a process based on the German Federal Agency for Breakthrough Innovation (SPRIND) Challenge prize model with the intention of accelerating timelines for selecting and conducting translational research, including through a significantly streamlined application form, submission portal, and selection process. The administrative burden on the applicants and selected teams will be reduced, and data will be collected to assess whether this has a positive

impact on the speed of innovation, including the time to market. Through this effort, NSF investment will help teams advance high-risk, high-reward ideas on NSF-defined topics and facilitate mentoring and technical assistance to enable teams to meet NSF-defined milestones and objectives and maximize their translational potential.

As Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Director Kratsios said in his policy speeches on April 14 and May 19, 2025: “*It is the duty of government to enable scientists to create new theories and empower engineers to put them into practice. Prizes, advanced market commitments, and other novel funding mechanisms, like fast and flexible grants, can multiply the impact of government-funded research.*” Thus, in this current effort, we are piloting a novel, fast, and flexible funding mechanism through a short application and streamlined selection process.

NSF TIP is establishing this new data collection for the application form that will allow managing program officers to collect the necessary information from applicants for the purpose of making a funding decision. This information includes, but is not exclusive to, name, job title, professional affiliation, email address and phone number of the applicant(s), along with a description (no more than 2,000 words) of the proposed idea/solution pertaining to the scientific/technical track or theme of the corresponding challenge. Specifically, the information requested would include: (1) how applicants aim to technically reach the track’s goals and milestones, (2) how their solution could be integrated into downstream processes, and (3) what preliminary work has been completed, and the technical maturity of the proposed technology. In addition, the application form would also request descriptions of

a work plan (of no more than 1000 words) detailing the schedule, cost, personnel, infrastructure, and a narrative (of no more than 500 words) outlining the knowledge and expertise of each member of the project team. Finally, the application would contain a certification section pertaining to foreign influence disclosures, such as whether the applicant is affiliated with any malign foreign talent recruitment program, and whether any of the team members receives funding from any foreign country of concern.

Data collected will be used strictly for funding decisions, due-diligence, auditing, and/or legal purposes, and are needed for effective award management, oversight, and administration. The data collection burden for the application form is estimated to be 15 to 25 hours of the respondents’ time in each instance.

Respondents: Principal Investigators (PIs) of the Breakthrough Innovations Initiative.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 100.

Burden on the Public: The overall annualized cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$79,500–\$132,500. The following table shows the annualized estimate of costs to PIs who are generally university faculty. This estimated hourly rate is based on a report from the American Association of University Professors, “The Annual Report on the Economic Status of the Profession, 2022–23,” *Academe*, June 2023, Survey Report Table 1. According to this report, the average salary of an associate professor across all types of doctoral-granting institutions was \$110,945. When divided by the number of standard annual work hours (2,080), this calculates to approximately \$53 per hour.

Respondent type	Number of respondents	Burden hours per respondent	Average hourly rate	Estimated annual cost
PIs	100	15–25	\$53	\$79,500–\$132,500
Total	\$79,500–\$132,500

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-302; NRC-2025-0181]

Accelerated Decommissioning Partners Crystal River Unit 3, LLC; Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Public meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering a request from Accelerated Decommissioning Partners Crystal River Unit 3, LLC (ADP) to approve the release of land areas, under the control of the NRC power reactor license for the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant (Crystal River Unit 3, CR3),