

530.4 to its 2021 annual average of 811.705. Using 1974 as a base (1974=100), I certify that the CPI-U increased 449.6 percent from its 1974 annual average of 100 to its 2021 annual average of 549.563. Using 2001 as a base (2001=100), I certify that the CPI-U increased 53.0 percent from its 2001 annual average of 100 to its 2021 annual average of 153.036. Using 2006 as a base (2006=100), I certify that the CPI-U increased 34.4 percent from its 2006 annual average of 100 to its 2021 annual average of 134.410.

Signed at Washington, DC.

Martin J. Walsh,

Secretary of Labor.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: The Governance and Performance Review Committee of the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors will meet virtually on September 23, 2022. The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. EDT, and will continue until the conclusion of the Committee's agenda.

PLACE:

Public Notice of Virtual Meetings: LSC will conduct the September 23, 2022 meeting via Zoom.

Public Observation: Unless otherwise noted herein, the Governance and Performance Review Committee meeting will be open to public observation via Zoom. Members of the public who wish to participate remotely in the public proceedings may do so by following the directions provided below.

Directions for Open Session:

September 23, 2022

- To join the Zoom meeting by computer, please use this link.
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From time to time, the Governance and Performance Review Committee Chair may solicit comments from the public. To participate in the meeting during public comment, use the 'raise your hand' or 'chat' functions in Zoom and wait to be recognized by the Chair before stating your questions and/or comments.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of the Committee's Open Session Meeting of July 1, 2022
3. Report on U.S. Department of Justice's Access to Justice Office and White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable (LAIR)
 - *Ron Flagg, President*
 - *Carol Bergman, Vice President for Government Relations & Public Affairs*
4. Report on Annual Board and Committee Evaluations
 - *Carol Bergman, Vice President for Government Relations & Public Affairs*
5. Consider and Act on Other Business
6. Public Comment
7. Consider and Act on Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Kaitlin Brown, Executive and Board Project Coordinator, at (202) 295-1555. Questions may also be sent by electronic mail to brownk@lsc.gov.

Non-Confidential Meeting Materials: Non-confidential meeting materials will be made available in electronic format at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the LSC website, at <https://www.lsc.gov/about-lsc/board-meeting-materials>.

Dated: September 14, 2022.

Kaitlin D. Brown,

*Executive and Board Project Coordinator,
Legal Services Corporation.*

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Program Monitoring Data Collections for National Science Foundation (NSF) Small Business Innovation Research

(SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection for post-award output and outcome monitoring system.

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 discovery itself, 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. Here, deep technologies refer to technologies based on discoveries in fundamental science and engineering. The NSF SBIR/STTR programs are designed to provide non-dilutive funding (financing that does not involve equity, debt, or other elements of the business ownership structure) at the earliest stages of technology research and development.

The NSF SBIR/STTR programs are Congressionally mandated. By investing federal research and development funds into startups and small businesses, NSF hopes to stimulate the creation of novel products, services, and solutions in the private sector, strengthen the role of small business in meeting federal research and development needs, increase the commercial application of federally-supported research results, build a strong national economy, and increase and develop the U.S. workforce, especially by fostering and encouraging participation of socially- and economically-disadvantaged and women-owned small businesses.

Both the NSF SBIR and NSF STTR programs have two phases: Phase I and Phase II. Phase I is a 6–12 month experimental or theoretical investigation that allows the awardees to determine the scientific, technical, and commercial merit of the idea or concept. Phase II

further develops the proposed concept, building on the feasibility of the project undertaken in Phase I, with a goal of working toward the commercial launch of the new product, process, or service being developed.

The NSF SBIR/STTR programs request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of this clearance that will allow the programs to improve the rigor of our surveys for evaluations and program monitoring, as well as to initiate new data collections to monitor the immediate, intermediate, and long-term outcomes of our investments by periodically surveying the startup businesses and their founders/co-founders involved in the businesses. The clearance will allow the SBIR/STTR programs to rigorously develop, test, and implement survey instruments and methodologies.

The primary objective of this clearance is to allow the NSF SBIR/STTR programs to collect characteristics, output, and outcome information from the startup companies funded by the programs. This collection will enable the evaluation of the impacts of our investments in technology translation and innovation over time. The second, related objective is to improve our questionnaires and/or data collection procedures through pilot tests and other survey methods used in these activities. Under this clearance a variety of surveys could be pre-tested, modified, and used.

Following standard OMB requirements, NSF will submit to OMB an individual request for each survey project we undertake under this clearance. NSF will request OMB approval in advance and provide OMB with a copy of the questionnaire and materials describing the project.

Data collected will be used for planning, management, evaluation, and audit purposes. Summaries of output and outcome monitoring data are used to respond to queries from Congress, the Small Business Administration (SBA), the public, NSF's external merit reviewers who serve as advisors, including Committees of Visitors (COVs), NSF's Office of the Inspector

General, and other pertinent stakeholders. These data are needed for effective administration, program monitoring, evaluation, outreach/marketing roadmaps, and for strategic reviews and measuring attainment of NSF's program and strategic goals, as identified by the President's Accountable Government Initiative, the Government Performance and Results Act Modernization Act of 2010, Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018, and NSF's Strategic Plan.

All questions asked in the data collection are questions that are NOT included in the annual, final or outcomes reports, and the intention is to ask the grantees even beyond the period of performance on voluntary basis in order to capture impacts of the research that occur during and beyond the life of the award.

Grantees will be invited to submit information on a periodic basis to support the management of the NSF SBIR/STTR investment portfolio. Once the survey tool for a specific program is tested, grantees will be invited to submit these indicators to NSF via data collection methods that include, but are not limited to, online surveys, interviews, focus groups, phone interviews, etc. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of project personnel, sources of funding and support, knowledge transfer and technology translation activities, patents, licenses, publications, descriptions of significant advances, and other outcomes of the funded efforts.

Use of the Information: The data collected will be used for NSF internal and external reports, historical data, program level studies and evaluations, and for securing future funding for the maintenance and growth of the NSF SBIR/STTR programs. Evaluation designs could make use of metadata associated with the award and other characteristics to identify a comparison group to evaluate the impact of the program funding and other interesting research questions.

ESTIMATE OF PUBLIC BURDEN

Collection title	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses/respondent	Annual hour burden
Program Monitoring Data Collections for National Science Foundation (NSF) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.	400 startup businesses per year	1	400

For life-of-award monitoring, the data collection burden to awardees will be limited to no more than 30 minutes of the respondents' time in each instance.

Respondents: The respondents are either Principal Investigators (PIs) of the startup businesses that the NSF SBIR/STTR Programs awarded, founders, co-founders, and/or key personnel of the startup businesses. In the case of Business Survey, only one response from each startup/small business is anticipated.

Estimates of Annualized Cost to Respondents for the Hour Burdens: The overall annualized cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$17,600. The following table shows the annualized estimate of costs to PI/Founders/Business Partners respondents, 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, the average salary of an assistant professor across all types of doctoral-granting institutions (public, private-independent, religiously affiliated) 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/Founders, Business Partners	400	1	\$44	\$17,600
Total	400	17,600

Estimated Number of Responses per Report: Data collection for the collections involves all Phase I awardees in the SBIR/STTR programs.

Dated: September 12, 2022.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

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DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received by October 17, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 17th Street NW, Room 10235,

Washington, DC 20503, and Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703–292–7556.
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Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Title of Collection: Grantee Reporting Requirements for Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSECs).

OMB Number: 3145–0230.

Overview of This Information Collection

The Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSECs) Program supports innovation in interdisciplinary research, education, and knowledge transfer. MRSECs build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. MRSECs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other public/private entities. New knowledge thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

MRSECs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. MRSECs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

MRSECs are required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which are used as a basis for performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, MRSECs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via the Research Performance