

4. The AN/VAS-5 Driver's Vision Enhancer is a compact thermal camera providing armored vehicle drivers with day or nighttime visual awareness in clear or reduced vision (fog, smoke, dust) situations. The system provides the driver a 180-degree viewing angle using a high-resolution infrared sensor and image stabilization to reduce the effect of shock and vibration. The viewer and monitor are ruggedized for operation in tactical environments.

5. The Common Remote Operated Weapon Station (CROWS) is an externally mounted weapon mounting and control system that allows the gunner to remain protected inside the vehicle while firing a variety of crew served weapons. The CROWS provides remote day and night sighting and ballistic control capacity, providing first-burst engagement of targets at maximum effective weapon range while on the move.

6. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

7. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

8. A determination has been made that Slovakia can provide the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

9. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Slovakia.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2024-SCC-0089]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) I, II and III Data Collection Form

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Gaby Watts, 202-987-0429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) I, II and III Data Collection Form.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0850.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 270.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,160.

Abstract: Under the current unprecedented national health emergency, the legislative and executive

branches of government have come together to offer relief to those individuals and industries affected by the COVID-19 virus under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), and the American Rescue Plan (ARP). In each of these statutes, targeted relief to institutions of higher education (IHEs) was made available under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). HEERF, originally established by section 18004(a) of the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136 (March 27, 2020) and expanded through CRRSAA and ARP, authorizes the Secretary of Education to allocate formula grant funds to participating IHEs to address impacts of the COVID-19 virus.

This information collection requests approval for a revision to a previously approved collection that includes annual reporting requirements to comply with the requirements of the HEERF program and obtain information on how the funds were used. The revision simplifies the collection by substantially reducing the number of items because specific grant activities within HEERF have expired and many of the items have become moot. In accordance with the Recipients Funding Certification and Agreements executed by HEERF grantees, the Secretary may specify additional forms of reporting.

Dated: September 24, 2024.

Kun Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Request for Information To Release a Solicitation for Certification and Allocation of Credits Under the Civil Nuclear Credit Program

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is issuing this RFI to request information from interested parties of DOE's intent to release a solicitation for applications, and to seek advance notice of an intent to submit applications in the form of a Letter of Interest (LOI), from nuclear reactor owners or operators for certification and allocation of credits

under the Civil Nuclear Credit (CNC) Program to support nuclear reactors at risk of ceasing operations due to economic factors. In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Congress directed the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) to establish a CNC Program to evaluate and certify nuclear reactors that are projected to cease operations due to economic factors and to allocate credits to selected certified nuclear reactors via a sealed bid process.

DATES: Submission of LOIs is requested on or before October 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit an LOI as an attachment by email to CNC_Program_Mailbox@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or questions about the RFI may be sent to Theodore Taylor, Civil Nuclear Credit Program Manager, at CNC_Program_Mailbox@hq.doe.gov or at (202) 586-4316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Program Description

As energy markets and economic circumstances continue to shift, the United States has lost approximately 10,200 megawatts of nuclear energy capacity with the premature closures of 13 commercial reactors.¹ These closures have led to an increase in carbon emissions, poorer air quality, and the loss of thousands of high-paying jobs. Further closures threaten to exacerbate these issues. In November 2021, Congress appropriated funds under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117–58), codified at 42 U.S.C. 18753, to allocate credits to certified nuclear reactors to prevent closure due to economic factors. In addition to the CNC Program, Congress also appropriated funds in August 2022 under Section 13105 of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) (Pub. L. 117–169), codified at 26 U.S.C. 45U for the zero-emission nuclear power production tax credit that provides up to an inflation-adjusted \$15 per megawatt-hour for electricity produced. The CNC Program also advances the President's Justice40 Initiative,² which sets a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal climate, clean energy, affordable and sustainable housing, and other investments flow to

disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.³ In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, Congress repurposed an aggregate amount of up to \$3.72 billion in the CNC Program's unobligated balances appropriated under the IIJA to carry out nuclear programs supporting small modular reactors and a uranium strategy pursuant to the Nuclear Fuel Security Act of 2023.⁴

CNC Award Cycles 1 and 2 were released in 2022 and 2023, respectively. Under the CNC Program, DOE certifies operating nuclear reactors projected to cease operations due to economic factors and whose closure would result in a projected increase in air pollutants, if the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has reasonable assurance the reactor will continue to operate safely. Certification of eligibility to apply for credits requires that the nuclear reactor meet certain economic and other criteria. The CNC Program identifies specific eligibility criteria and provides discretion for the Secretary to define additional eligibility criteria for certification of the qualifying nuclear reactor. Credits will be awarded over a four-year period beginning on the date of the selection. Nuclear reactor owners or operators may apply for recertification after that time and additional credits may be allocated through September 30, 2031, subject to the availability of funds.

More detailed information about the CNC Program can be found at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/civil-nuclear-credit-program>.

Purpose

Subject to availability of funds, DOE is planning up to \$980 million for Award Cycle 3. Prior to releasing the Guidance for Award Cycle 3, DOE is requesting that nuclear reactor owners or operators interested in applying for certification and allocation of credits under the CNC Program provide advance notice of intent to apply in the form of a Letter of Interest (LOI) to be submitted no later than 30 days after this RFI notice. Submissions of LOIs that comply with relevant requirements, as outlined in the Business Proprietary Information section will be kept strictly confidential.

LOI responses shall include:

- Name(s), phone number(s), and email address(es) for the principal point(s) of contact
- Institution or organization affiliation and postal address
- Organization's non-binding expression of interest in applying to the CNC Program Award Cycle 3
- Names of each nuclear reactor for which an owner/operator is intending to apply for certification and allocation of credits under the CNC Program

The responses received from nuclear reactors owners or operators will assist DOE in assessing the CNC Program's timing and resources for Award Cycle 3. Any information obtained as a result of this RFI is intended to be used by DOE on a non-attribution basis for planning and strategy development; this RFI does not constitute a formal solicitation for applications. No application submittals are required at this time. Responses to this RFI will be treated as information only. Respondents are advised that DOE is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted under this RFI. Responses to this RFI do not bind DOE to any further actions related to this topic.

An LOI containing the required information as stated in this section will be marked confidential as described in the Business Proprietary Information section.

Business Proprietary Information

Responses containing confidential, proprietary, or privileged information must be conspicuously marked as described in this section. Failure to comply with these marking requirements may result in the disclosure of the unmarked information under the Freedom of Information Act or otherwise. The U.S. Federal Government is not liable for the disclosure or use of unmarked information and may use or disclose such information for any purpose.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information believed to be business proprietary and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked "Business Proprietary" including all the information believed to be proprietary, and one copy of the document marked "non-Proprietary" deleting all information believed to be business proprietary. DOE will make its own determination about the business proprietary status of the information and treat it according to its

¹ Congressional Research Serv., R46820, U.S. Nuclear Plant Shutdowns, State Interventions, and Policy Concerns, (Updated 2/7/22, available at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46820>). Note that Palisades Nuclear Power Plant has not yet closed but is not producing power.

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40>.

³ White House, Justice40 Covered Programs List (Nov. 2023), available at https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Justice40-Initiative-Covered-Programs-List_v2.0_11.23_FINAL.pdf.

⁴ See Section 3131 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, Public Law 118–31 (Dec. 22, 2023).

determination. Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as business proprietary include: (1) a description of the items; (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as business proprietary within the industry; (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources; (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its business proprietary nature; (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure; (6) when such information might lose its business proprietary character due to the passage of time; and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 20, 2024, by Maria D. Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 23, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S.
Department of Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho Cleanup Project

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this

meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, October 23, 2024; 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. MDT.

ADDRESSES: Sun Valley Lodge, 1 Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, Idaho 83353. This meeting will be open to the public in-person at the Sun Valley Lodge or virtually via Zoom. To attend virtually, please contact Danielle Miller, ICP Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Administrator, by email at millerdc@id.doe.gov or phone (208) 526–5709, no later than 5 p.m. MDT on Monday, October 21, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danielle Miller, ICP CAB Administrator, by email at millerdc@id.doe.gov or phone (208) 526–5709 or visit the Board's internet homepage at <https://energy.gov/em/icpcab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

Tentative Agenda (agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Danielle Miller for the most current agenda):

1. Recent Public Outreach
2. ICP Overview
3. Ten-Year Plan and Budget Overview
4. Program Presentations
5. Fall EM SSAB Chairs Meeting Update

Public Participation: The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to the public either in-person at the Sun Valley Lodge or via Zoom. To sign-up for public comment, please contact the ICP CAB Administrator (above) no later than 5 p.m. MDT on Monday, October 21, 2024. In addition to participation in the live public comment sessions identified above, written statements may be filed with the Board either five days before or five days after the meeting by sending them to the ICP CAB Administrator at the aforementioned email address. Written public comment received prior to the meeting will be read into the record. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Danielle Miller, ICP Administrator, phone (208) 526–5709 or email millerdc@id.doe.gov. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/em/icpcab/listings/cab-meetings>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 23, 2024, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 24, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S.
Department of Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-516]

Application for Authorization To Export Electric Energy; Energia Sierra Juarez U.S., LLC

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Energia Sierra Juarez U.S., LLC (ESJ US or Applicant) has applied for authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before October 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janessa Zucchetto, 240-474-8226 Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Energy (DOE) regulates electricity exports from the United States to foreign countries in accordance with section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C.