

## II. Method of Collection

The collection of data occurs in accordance with the rules established by interagency agreements with the participating state partners or data sharing agreements that have been established within the Census Bureau. For state partners, their data is submitted directly to the Census secure servers where Personally Identifiable Information (PII) goes through a process to replace it with Protected Identification Keys (PIK). This PVS (Person Identification Validation System) process also applies to all other administrative data that are used in the LEHD infrastructure. For all other required administration data, they are transferred or referenced by the LEHD production system. Data collection and processing also includes activities such as validation of data quality.

LEHD's data products are not generated by a traditional survey. Rather, all input data required is collected electronically as follows:

- State Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) are provided via encrypted File Transfer Protocol (FTP) through which each state LMI agency sends these data directly to the Census Bureau. This transfer of data is governed by Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with each state partner.
- Federal and Census Administrative data are acquired from other directorates or divisions within the Census Bureau with which an internal agreement has been established for the use of the data.
- Public Use data sets are acquired from publicly available websites or public File Transfer Protocol (FTP) servers.

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–1001.  
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: State government, specifically labor market information bureaus and unemployment insurance administrators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: As defined in Table III–1.

Estimated Time per Response: No more than 8 hours required to identify and send/post required data sets.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1728 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or

hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* The authority to develop LEHD is 13 U.S.C. Section 6. Of course, confidentiality is assured by 13 U.S.C. Section 9.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Application Cover Sheet

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 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 November 24, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to Maureen O'Reilly, Management Analyst, NIST at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0693–0072 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 Mary Clague, NIST SBIR Program Office, 301–975–4188, [mary.clague@nist.gov](mailto:mary.clague@nist.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Abstract

The SBIR program was originally established in 1982 by the Small Business Innovation Development Act (Pub. L. 97–219), codified at 15 U.S.C. 638. It was then expanded and extended by the Small Business Research and Development (R&D) Enhancement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–564) and received subsequent reauthorization and extensions that include Public Law 112–81, extending SBIR through September 30, 2022. The US Small Business Administration (SBA) serves as the coordinating agency for the SBIR program. It directs the agency implementation of SBIR, reviews progress, and reports annually to Congress on its operation.

The NIST SBIR Cover Sheet is the first page of each application that responds to the annual NIST SBIR Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO). The information collected in the Cover Sheet provides identifying information and demographic data for use in NIST's annual report to the SBA on the program.

### II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected as part of the application process and will be submitted through [grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

### III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693–0072.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Revision and extension of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority:

### IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Reopening of Comment Period for Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Vanadium

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Technology Evaluation, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice on reopening of comment period for previously published notice of request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On June 3, 2020, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published the *Notice of Request for Public Comments on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Vanadium*. The June 3 notice specified that the Secretary of Commerce initiated an investigation to determine the effects on the national security of imports of vanadium. This investigation was initiated under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended. The June 3 notice invited interested parties to submit written comments, data, analyses, or other information pertinent to the investigation to the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security. The deadline for written comments was July 20, 2020, and the rebuttal comment deadline was August 17, 2020. Today's notice reopens the public comment period with a deadline of October 9, 2020. BIS has posted the initial application for a section 232 investigation into imports of vanadium, titled "Petition for Relief Under Section 232," (dated November 19, 2019) and supplemental information (dated April 2, 2020), as submitted by the applicant, on <http://www.regulations.gov> in the interests of transparency and to allow additional public comment. Public versions of the exhibits are available online (*see the ADDRESSES section*).

**DATES:** The due date for filing comments is October 9, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** *Submissions:* All written comments on the notice must be addressed to Section 232 Vanadium Investigation and filed through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number BIS–2020–0002 on the home page and click "search." The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled "Comment Now!" (For further information on using <http://www.regulations.gov>, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on "How to Use This Site.")

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*Application for investigation:* The public versions of the application for a section 232 investigation, the later-submitted supplemental information, and the exhibits, are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> under the docket number BIS–2020–0002.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Industrial Studies Division, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–5481, [Vanadium232@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Vanadium232@bis.doc.gov). Unless otherwise protected by law, any information received from the public during the course of this investigation may be made publicly available. For more information about the section 232 program, including the regulations and the text of previous investigations, please see [www.bis.doc.gov/232](http://www.bis.doc.gov/232).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On June 3, 2020, (85 FR 34179), the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published the *Notice of Request for Public Comments on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Vanadium*. The June 3 notice specified that on May 28, 2020, the Secretary of Commerce had initiated an investigation to determine the effects on the national security of imports of vanadium. This investigation was initiated under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862). (*See the June 3 notice for additional details on the investigation and the request for public comments.*)

##### Reopening of Public Comment Period

The June 3 notice included a comment period deadline of July 20, 2020 and a rebuttal comment period deadline of August 17, 2020. The Department of Commerce has determined that it is warranted to reopen the comment period for fourteen days. While comments may be submitted at any time, today's notice specifies that comments must be received by October 9, 2020 to be considered in the drafting of the final report. Today's notice reopens the comment period for fourteen days to allow for additional time for the public to submit comments on the investigation of imports of vanadium pursuant to BIS posting the November 19, 2019 application for an investigation by U.S. Vanadium LLC and AMG Vanadium LLC and the April 2, 2020 supplemental information on <http://www.regulations.gov>.