

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 18, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Philip T. Gibson, Business Development Specialist, 202–205–7427, [philip.gibson@sba.gov](mailto:philip.gibson@sba.gov), Office of Entrepreneurial Education, Small Business Administration, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2019 and 2021, a new cohort of sites was added to the Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) initiative, which was originally started in October 1, 2010 by the Small Business Administration (SBA)'s Office of Entrepreneurial Development. Through this initiative, organizations in 23 communities across the U.S. have been selected to provide industry-specific assistance to small businesses, and to develop industry relationships and supply chains within their regions. Clusters—geographically concentrated groups of interconnected businesses, suppliers, service providers, and associated institutions in a particular industry or field—act as a networking hub to convene a number of resources to help navigate the funding, procurement, and supply-chain opportunities in a specific industry.

SBA is conducting an evaluation of the Regional Innovation Clusters initiative to determine how the clusters have developed, the type and volume of services they provided to small businesses, client perceptions of the program, and the various outcomes related to their existence, including collaboration among firms, innovation, and small business growth. Small

business growth will be compared to the overall growth of firms in those same regions and industries. This evaluation will also include lessons learned and success stories. SBA proposes the use of three instruments for data collection and analysis of three distinct populations. These instruments are: (1.) Small Business Survey, (2.) Large Organization Survey and (3.) Cluster Administrator Survey. In addition, SBA plans to interview each of the 11 cluster administrators several times a year regarding program impact and successes or challenges, and to obtain clarifications on information provided in quarterly reports. Each of the proposed surveys will be administered electronically and will contain both open- and close-ended questions. The information collected and analyzed from these instruments will contribute to monitoring performance metrics and program goals, as well as recommendations on improving program practices.

**Solicitation of Public Comments**

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

*OMB Control Number:* 3245–0392.

*Title:* Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) Initiative Evaluation Study.

*Description of Respondents:*

Interconnected businesses, Suppliers, Service providers, and associated institutions.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 1,240.

*Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 388.

**Curtis Rich,**

*Management Analyst.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 558 (Sub–No. 25)]

**Railroad Cost of Capital—2021**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Board is instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry's cost of capital for 2021. The decision solicits comments on the following issues: The railroads' 2021

current cost of debt capital; the railroads' 2021 current cost of preferred equity capital (if any); the railroads' 2021 cost of common equity capital; the 2021 capital structure mix of the railroad industry on a market value basis; and the appropriate treatment of Kansas City Southern (KCS) in light of the merger transaction currently under consideration in *Canadian Pacific Railway—Control—Kansas City Southern*, Docket No. FD 36500. For example, there is not a full year of KCS stock price data available for 2021.

**DATES:** Notices of intent to participate are due by March 28, 2022. Statements of the railroads are due by April 18, 2022. Statements of other interested persons are due by May 9, 2022. Rebuttal statements by the railroads are due by May 31, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed with the Board via e-filing on the Board's website.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245–0333. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The decision in this proceeding is posted at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

(Authority: 49 U.S.C. 10704(a))

Decided: February 10, 2022.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Oberman, Primus, and Schultz.

**Raina White,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Solicitation of nominations for appointment to the Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is publishing this notice to solicit nominations for membership on SOCAC.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 9, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations must be submitted electronically (by email) to 9-