DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR), Office of Science, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The DOE SBIR/STTR invites public to comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in ADDRESSES as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Claudia Cantoni by e-mail at claudia.cantoni@science.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Claudia Cantoni by e-mail at claudia.cantoni@science.doe.gov or by phone: (240) 255-8590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are requested on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to
minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of
automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No.: 1910-5166; (2) Information
Collection Request Title: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small
Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Commercialization Survey; (3) Type of Request:
Three-year extension; (4) Purpose: The DOE needs this information to satisfy the
program requirements of the Small Business Act, including requirements established in
the SBIR program reauthorization legislation, Pub. L. 106-554 and Pub. L. 107-50. This
data will be collected by the DOE and provided to the Small Business Administration
(SBA) to maintain information about SBIR/STTR awards issued through the two
programs. This data will be provided by DOE based on information collected from
SBIR/STTR awardees. This data will be used by DOE, SBA, and Congress to assess the
commercial impact of these two programs; (5) Annual Estimated Number of
Respondents: 1,200; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 800; (7) Annual
Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 1,200; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and
Recordkeeping Cost Burden: $60,000.

Statutory Authority: Section 9 of the Small Business Act, as amended, codified at 15
U.S.C. 638(g).

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 18, 2021, by Manny
Oliver, Director, Office of Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business
Technology Transfer, 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 May 18, 2021.

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Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer,
U.S. Department of Energy.

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