



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Topographic and Hydrography Data

Grants

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- Internet: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS-2025-0336.
- U.S. Mail: USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this information collection request (ICR), contact Diana Thunen by email at dthunen@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 303-202-4279. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is an individual required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

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 personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire

comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The 3D National Topography Model (3DNTM) is a USGS-led effort to modernize and integrate the nation’s elevation and hydrography data through the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) and the 3D Hydrography Program (3DHP). This effort supports the most advanced scientific and operational needs by delivering high-quality, accessible topographic data. The 3DNTM is built on core components that align with federal mandates, including the National Landslides Preparedness Act, which authorized 3DEP, and the Geospatial Data Act of 2018, which directs federal agencies to 1) collect, maintain, disseminate, and preserve geospatial data such that the resulting data, information, or products can be readily shared with other Federal agencies and non-Federal users; and 2) coordinate and work in partnership with other Federal agencies, agencies of State, tribal, and local governments, institutions of higher education, and the private sector to efficiently and cost-effectively collect, integrate, maintain, disseminate, and preserve geospatial data, building upon existing non-Federal geospatial data to the extent possible. The success of 3DNTM depends on shared investment from a wide range of stakeholders who benefit from high-resolution topographic data. To support this collaboration, the annual 3DNTM Data Collaboration Announcement (DCA) provides a formal opportunity for partners to work with USGS and other federal agencies to acquire 3DEP lidar or 3DHP hydrography data. Eligible applicants include federal agencies, state and local governments, tribal nations, academic institutions, and private sector organizations. USGS collects information from applicants about their proposed topographic data collection and cost sharing to determine project acceptance.

Title of Collection: Topographic and Hydrography Data Grants

OMB Control Number: 1028-0092

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection

Respondents/Affected Public: State and local governments, tribes, academic institutions, and the private sector

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 80

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 80

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 41 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,280

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary

Frequency of Collection: Annually

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

The authority for this action is the PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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