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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements under OMB review

AGENCY: Small Business Administration

ACTION: 30-Day Notice

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and OMB procedures, SBA is publishing this notice to allow all interested members of the public an additional 30 days to provide comments on the proposed collection of information.

DATES: Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection request should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection request by selecting "Small Business Administration"; "Currently Under Review," then select the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. This information collection can be identified by title and/or OMB Control Number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain a copy of the information collection and supporting documents from the Interim Agency Clearance Officer at Shauniece.Carter@sba.gov; (202) 921-2198, or from www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Disaster Loan Program is an SBA financing program authorized under the Small Business Act of 1953, 15 U.S.C. 636 *et seq.* SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters. SBA's information collection approved under OMB Control Number 3245-0017 supports the ongoing administration of the Disaster Loan Program and currently includes SBA Form 5, Disaster Business Loan Application. SBA has determined that revisions to this collection are necessary to reflect recent regulatory updates and to ensure alignment with Executive Order 14168. The proposed revisions also standardize required data fields and instructions to eliminate inconsistent guidance to applicants, thereby improving clarity and enhancing the applicant's understanding of the information needed for disaster assistance. Finally, SBA added a new Social Security consent for the purpose of determining whether the information provided by the applicant matches the Social Security Administration (SSA) records to ensure loans are only issued to eligible, real individuals or authorized business owners and to prevent fraudulent applications from being processed.

Solicitation of Public Comments:

Comments may be submitted 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 3245-0017.

Title: Disaster Business Loan Application.

Description of Respondents: Disaster survivors seeking disaster loan assistance.

Form Number: SBA Form 5.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 37,529.

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 46,911.

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Interim Agency Clearance Officer
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