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**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 22, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Sharon Gurley, Director, Office of Business Development, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Gurley, Director, Office of Business Development, [Sharon.gurley@sba.gov](mailto:Sharon.gurley@sba.gov), 202-205-7084, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, [Curtis.Rich@sba.gov](mailto:Curtis.Rich@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 13 CFR 124.604, as part of its annual review submission, each Participant owned by a Tribe, ANC, NHO or CDC must submit to SBA information showing how they have provided benefits to their members and communities. This data includes information relating to funded cultural programs, employment assistance, jobs, scholarships, internships, subsistence activities, and other services provided.

#### 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.

#### Summary of Information Collection

*Title:* 8(a) Participant Benefits Report.

*Description of Respondents:* 8(a) Program Participants—Entity Owned (Indian Tribe, Alaskan Native Corporations, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and Community Development Corporations.

*Form Number:* 2456.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 329.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 165.

**Curtis Rich,**

*Management Analyst.*

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#### 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 January 22, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Dena Moglia, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dena Moglia, Senior Management & Program Analyst, 202-205-7034, [dena.moglia@sba.gov](mailto:dena.moglia@sba.gov), Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030 [curtis.rich@sba.gov](mailto:curtis.rich@sba.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In October 2014, 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 11 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

*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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#### 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) of 1995 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 January 22, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Mary Frias, Loan Specialist, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business