

maintain a list of firms qualified to perform energy efficiency and renewable energy projects specifically using the energy savings performance contracts (ESPCs) project financing methodology. The forms subject to this Paperwork Reduction Act submission constitute the application and recertification statement for inclusion on the DOE Qualified List of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs). The ESCOs on the DOE Qualified List constitute the group of firms that are eligible for contract award under 10 CFR 436.32. ESCOs that would like to bid on ESPC contracts for the Federal government must apply to the DOE Qualified List of ESCOs and complete the annual recertification statement;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 128;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 128;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 466;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$57,318.

Statutory Authority: The ESPC statute (42 U.S.C. 8287(b)(2)(A)–(B)) requires the Secretary of Energy to establish and maintain a list of firms qualified to perform energy efficiency and renewable energy projects specifically using the energy savings performance contracts (ESPCs) project financing methodology.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 23, 2024, by Mary Sotos, Director, Federal Energy Management Program, 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 February 27, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before April 30, 2024. If you anticipate any difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Rm. G–302, Germantown, MD 20874, or by fax at (301) 903–7738, or by email at privacyactoffice@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874 or by telephone at (301) 903–3880, or by fax at (301) 903–7738, or by email at privacyactoffice@hq.doe.gov, <https://www.energy.gov/cio/office-chief-information-officer/services/guidance/privacy-program/submitting-privacy-act>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.*: 1910–1700;

(2) *Information Collection Request Titled*: Privacy Act Administration;

(3) *Type of Review*: Extension;

(4) *Purpose*: The Privacy Act Information Request form aids the Department of Energy's processing of Privacy Act requests submitted by an

individual or an authorized representative, wherein he or she is requesting records the government may maintain on the individual. The Department's use of this form continues to contribute to the implementation of the Department's Privacy Act processes, including, but not limited to, providing for faster processing of Privacy Act information requests by asking individuals or their authorized representative for pertinent information needed for records retrieval;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 390;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 390;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 130;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$14,078.

Statutory Authority: The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a; Department of Energy, Records Maintained on Individuals (Privacy Act), 10 CFR 1008; 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et. seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et. seq.*

Signing Authority

This document of the U.S. Department of Energy was signed on February 20, 2024, by Ann Dunkin, Chief Information Officer, 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**.

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Treena V. Garrett,

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Notice of Request for Information (RFI) Related to DOE's Responsibilities on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence

AGENCY: Office of Critical and Emerging Technologies, Department of Energy.